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**Bulgarian Chairmanship****530th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 October 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 5.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov  
Mr. Z. Radukov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/4/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1035/04), United States of America, Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1043/04 Restr.), Armenia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/88/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1037/04), United States of America, Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1044/04 Restr.), Switzerland, Armenia, Belarus (PC.DEL/1039/04), Canada (PC.DEL/1033/04), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Elections in Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, held on 23 October 2004:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1036/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1047/04), Norway, Russian Federation, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro
- (b) *Situation in the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1038/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1046/04), Serbia and Montenegro
- (c) *Trials of members of the opposition in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1050/04), Azerbaijan
- (d) *Presidential elections in the United States of America, to be held on 2 November 2004:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1048/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/1041/04), Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (e) *Presidential elections in Ukraine, to be held on 31 October 2004:* United States of America, Canada (PC.DEL/1031/04), Ukraine
- (f) *Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh:* Azerbaijan, Turkey, Georgia (also on behalf of Moldova and Ukraine), Armenia, Chairperson, Ukraine, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France)

Agenda item 4: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty (PC.FR/29/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1034/04), United States of America, Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1042/04 Restr.), Canada (PC.DEL/1040/04), Kazakhstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Address by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria to the United Nations General Assembly regarding co-operation between the OSCE and the United Nations on 22 October 2004:* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/250/04 Restr.):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Organizational matters:* Chair of the Informal Group of Friends for the Implementation of PC Decision No. 571 (Finland)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 4 November 2004, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal