
Chairmanship: Finland**722nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 July 2008

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation) to the OSCE, Ambassador Yoon-joe Shim.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF FRANCE, H.E. BERNARD KOUCHNER

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France (PC.DEL/628/08), Montenegro (PC.DEL/639/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/630/08), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/644/08), Armenia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/637/08 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/635/08), Albania (PC.DEL/634/08), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/643/08), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/641/08 OSCE+), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/645/08), Georgia, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/633/08)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* France-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area;

as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/627/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/629/08)

- (b) *Seventeenth Annual Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, held in Astana, from 29 June to 3 July 2008*: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Ukraine (PC.DEL/631/08 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/636/08 OSCE+), Turkey
- (c) *G8 summit, held in Hokkaido Toyako, Japan, from 7 to 9 July 2008*: Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/632/08)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Renewal of the appointment of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (CIO.GAL/107/08 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/08 OSCE+): Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Liechtenstein (Dean of the Permanent Council), Lithuania, Canada, Germany
- (b) *Organizational matters*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 July 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal