
Netherlands Chairmanship**451st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 29 May 2003

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences upon the recent plane crash in Turkey involving victims from Spain, Ukraine and Belarus, predominantly peacekeepers. Spain, Ukraine and Belarus thanked the Chairperson and joined him in expressing condolences.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Ohrid Conference on Border Security and Management, held in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 22 and 23 May 2003:*

Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/508/03/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/516/03), Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairperson

(b) *Adoption of legislation on trafficking in human beings in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan:* Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/505/03/Rev.1), United States of America, Tajikistan, Chairperson

(c) *Death of Mr. O. Ershanov in Uzbekistan:* Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia,

Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/509/03/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/519/03), Uzbekistan, Chairperson

- (d) *First round of local elections in Moldova on 25 May 2003*: United States of America (PC.DEL/517/03), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/507/03/Rev.1), Moldova, Chairperson
- (e) *Report by the Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia of recent violations of Georgian airspace*: Georgia, United States of America (PC.DEL/518/03), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/511/03/Rev.1), Turkey (PC.DEL/503/03), Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (f) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/510/03/Rev.1), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/515/03), Chairperson
- (g) *Situation of national minorities in Estonia*: Russian Federation, Estonia, Chairperson
- (h) *Conference on Drug Routes from Central Asia to Europe, held in Paris on 21 and 22 May 2003*: France, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (PC.FR/13/03 Restr.), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/504/03/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/520/03), Norway, Russian Federation, Canada, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/14/03 Restr.), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and

Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/506/03/Rev.1), United States of America, Russian Federation, Canada, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS (not adopted)

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Greece-European Union

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST TABLE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF OSCE STAFF (not adopted)

Chairperson

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2003 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 545 (PC.DEC/545), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda for the 2003 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/47/03 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b) *New coalition government in the Netherlands:* Chairperson
- (c) *Distribution of a document on information-sharing and donor-assistance for the OSCE police-assistance programme for Kyrgyzstan:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Thirtieth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Tehran from 28 to 31 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (b) *Meeting of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, held in Strasbourg on 15 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (c) *Ohrid Conference on Border Security and Management, held in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 22 and 23 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (d) *Announcement of the distribution of a report of the Secretary General:* Director for Human Resources

- (e) *Co-ordination meeting between the Chairmanship, the Secretary General, heads of OSCE institutions and the Parliamentary Assembly, held in The Hague on 27 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (f) *OSCE-EU meeting of senior officials, held in Vienna on 28 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (g) *Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum, held in Prague from 20 to 23 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (h) *Conference on Drug Routes from Central Asia to Europe, held in Paris on 21 and 22 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (i) *Information-sharing meeting on co-operation in Central Asia, to be held on 11 June 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (j) *Visit of a delegation from Afghanistan to the OSCE Secretariat on 21 May 2003:* Director for Human Resources
- (k) *OSCE Annual Report:* Director for Human Resources
- (l) *Trans-Asian Parliamentary Forum of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Almaty from 7 to 9 June 2003:* Director for Human Resources, Kazakhstan, Chairperson
- (m) *Document on privileges and immunities:* Director for Human Resources

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 4 June 2003, at 10.45 a.m., in the Neuer Saal