
Slovenian Chairmanship**548th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue***

1. Date: Thursday, 17 March 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the United States of America in connection with the death of Ambassador David Nicholas, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. The United States of America and Ukraine (PC.DEL/199/05) paid tribute to Ambassador David Nicholas. The Permanent Council then observed a minute of silence.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Municipal elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 13 March 2005:* Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/210/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/218/05), Canada (PC.DEL/237/05), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

(b) *Municipal elections in Latvia, held on 12 March 2005:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/240/05 Restr.), Latvia (PC.DEL/249/05)

(c) *Demonstration of Latvian legionaries in Riga on 16 March 2005:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/241/05 Restr.), Belarus (PC.DEL/222/05), Latvia (PC.DEL/248/05)

(d) *Parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan, held on 26 December 2004:* United States of America (PC.DEL/224/05), Uzbekistan

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Incorporates an amendment to agenda item 1(e).

- (e) *Assassination attempt on President Ibrahim Rugova in Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/211/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/219/05), Albania, Serbia and Montenegro
- (f) *Situation in the security zone in Moldova*: Moldova (PC.DEL/213/05), Chairperson
- (g) *Parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan, held on 27 February 2005*: Kyrgyzstan
- (h) *International conference on co-ordination of assistance to Belarus, to be held in Vilnius on 18 March 2005*: Belarus (PC.DEL/220/05/Corr.1), Chairperson, Luxembourg-European Union (PC.DEL/209/05)
- (i) *Training of Georgian border guards*: Georgia (PC.DEL/205/05), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING TRAFFICKING
 IN HUMAN BEINGS

Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (CIO.GAL/31/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/208/05), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/214/05), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/229/05), Belarus (PC.DEL/221/05), Canada, Switzerland, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/242/05 Restr.), France, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK
 GROUP

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation) (PC.DEL/198/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/217/05), Moldova (also on behalf of Georgia and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/215/05), Belarus (PC.DEL/223/05), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/212/05 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/250/05)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL
 MODALITIES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL SECURITY
 REVIEW CONFERENCE (2005 ASRC)

Chairperson, Turkey (PC.DEL/225/05 OSCE+)

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 663 (PC.DEC/663), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2005 Annual Security Review Conference (2005 ASRC).

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AMENDED OSCE STAFF
REGULATIONS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on Monday, 21 March 2005, at 12 noon, adopted the decision on the amended OSCE Staff Regulations.

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/30/05): Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/05 OSCE+)

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Legislative elections in Andorra, to be held on 24 April 2005:* Andorra
- (b) *Attack on a synagogue in Lugano, Switzerland, on 14 March 2005:*
Switzerland (PC.DEL/226/05 Restr.)
- (c) *International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism and Security, held in Madrid from 8 to 10 March 2005:* Spain (PC.DEL/216/05)
- (d) *Appointment of an EU Special Representative on Moldova:* Moldova
- (e) *Draft decision on the revision of the OSCE 2004 Unified Budget:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 April 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal