



Netherlands Chairmanship

437th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 27 February 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Participation of Belarus in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*: United States of America (PC.DEL/172/03), 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/162/03), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/175/03 Restr.), Chairperson
- (b) *Presidential elections in Armenia, held on 19 February 2003*: United States of America (PC.DEL/176/03), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/163/03), Russian Federation, Armenia, Chairperson
- (c) *Ukrainian-Moldovan border co-operation*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/167/03)
- (d) *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/161/03), Switzerland, Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/177/03)

- (e) *Fulfilment of financial obligations to the OSCE by Bosnia and Herzegovina:*
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE REVISION OF THE UNIFIED 2003
 BUDGET

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 534 (PC.DEC/534), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the revision of the Unified 2003 Budget.

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC
 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON THE SECOND
 PREPARATORY SEMINAR OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/36/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/171/03), Ukraine (also
on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/166/03),
Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/164/03), Greece-European Union
(European Commission) (PC.DEL/165/03), Croatia (PC.DEL/173/03),
Switzerland, Turkey, Russian Federation, Belarus, Albania, Armenia, Serbia
and Montenegro, Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/12/03 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Turkmenistan on 2 and 3 March 2003:*
Chairperson
- (c) *Meeting between the European Union Political and Security Committee and
the OSCE Troika, to be held in Vienna on 5 March 2003:* Chairperson
- (d) *Venue of the Eleventh Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council:* Chairperson
- (e) *Consultations between the Chairman-in-Office, the OSCE Secretary General
and the European Union Troika, held in Brussels on 24 February 2003:*
Albania, Chairperson, Greece-European Union

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report on the activities of the
Secretary General:* Secretary General
- (b) *Security issues:* Secretary General

- (c) *Depletion of the Fund for Fostering the Integration of Recently Admitted Participating States (RAPS Fund): Secretary General, Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Invitation by Georgia to OSCE participating States to visit Georgia from 28 March to 1 April 2003: Chairperson*
- (b) *Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan to the Chairman-in-Office: Chairperson, Switzerland, Armenia, Turkey*
- (c) *Elaboration of an Action Plan on Roma and Sinti: Chairperson*
- (d) *Sub-national level elections in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, on 1 May 2003: United Kingdom*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 February 2003, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal