
Bulgarian Chairmanship**514th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 July 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Austria in connection with the death of the President of Austria, H.E. Thomas Klestil. The Council then observed a minute of silence. Austria expressed thanks for the condolences.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Border monitoring operation in Georgia:* United States of America (PC.DEL/639/04), Russian Federation, Georgia
- (b) *Case of the Juma Mosque in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/640/04), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania in alignment) (PC.DEL/635/04), Azerbaijan
- (c) *Recent developments in Belarus:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/632/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/641/04), Belarus
- (d) *Declaration by the nine Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the state of affairs in the OSCE:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/630/04), Belarus, Tajikistan, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan (SEC.DEL/132/04 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/647/04), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/633/04), Chairperson

- (e) *Election observation in Ukraine*: United States of America (PC.DEL/643/04), Netherlands-European Union, Ukraine
- (f) *Death of Russian tolerance expert Mr. N. Girenko*: United States of America (PC.DEL/642/04), Russian Federation
- (g) *Demining of state borders by Uzbekistan*: Kyrgyzstan
- (h) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Georgia (SEC.DEL/131/04), Russian Federation
- (i) *Activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Russian Federation*: Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DELEGATION TO CROATIA, AMBASSADOR JACQUES WUNENBURGER

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Agenda item 4: ADDRESS BY THE ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OF CROATIA, MR. TOMISLAV VIDOSEVIC

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia (PC.FR/21/04 Restr.), Head of the European Commission Delegation to Croatia (PC.DEL/625/04), Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs of Croatia (PC.DEL/645/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/634/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/644/04), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro) (PC.DEL/631/04 Restr.), Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON PROJECTS TO ASSIST BELARUS TO RESOLVE SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS PROBLEMS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 619 (PC.DEC/619), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on projects to assist Belarus to resolve small arms and light weapons problems.

Belarus, United States of America (PC.DEL/648/04), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/636/04), Armenia

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE JOINT OSCE-UNODC TECHNICAL
EXPERTS CONFERENCE ON BORDER MANAGEMENT
AND SECURITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 620 (PC.DEC/620), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the joint OSCE-UNODC technical experts conference on border management and security.

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

- (a) *Statement by the Chairman-in-Office to the Thirteenth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 5 July 2004:* Chairperson
- (b) *Second plenary session of the South Caucasus Parliamentary Initiative, held in Sofia from 1 to 3 July 2004:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Address by the Secretary General to the Thirteenth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 5 and 6 July 2004:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/158/04 Restr.)
- (b) *Invitation from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan to observe elections in Afghanistan:* Secretary General
- (c) *ATU/ODIHR roundtable on extremism, held on 1 and 2 July 2004:* Secretary General
- (d) *Report of the External Auditor and 2003 Financial Statements:* Secretary General
- (e) *Vacancy notices:* Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Financial contribution to the voluntary fund for the activities related to the reduction of Russian military forces and equipment in Georgia:* Finland (PC.DEL/638/04), Georgia
- (b) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson, Iceland

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 July 2004, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal