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**Bulgarian Chairmanship****494th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 February 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairman, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the Russian Federation with regard to the terrorist attack in the Moscow subway. The Russian Federation thanked the Chairperson.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Serbia and Montenegro to the OSCE, Mr. V. Garčević.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Human rights situation in the OSCE region:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/92/04), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/104/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/88/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/101/04)
- (b) *Minority situation in Latvia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/105/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/98/04), Latvia (PC.DEL/103/04)
- (c) *Media situation in Tajikistan:* Tajikistan (PC.DEL/85/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/99/04) Russian Federation, Switzerland, Armenia, Chairperson, Ireland-European Union, Romania
- (d) *Case of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee:* Belarus (PC.DEL/100/04)

- (e) *Conference on the Future of Democracy beyond the Baltics, held in Riga on 5 and 6 February 2004: Latvia (PC.DEL/102/04), Ireland-European Union (PC.DEL/9/1/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/97/04)*

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN GEORGIA, AMBASSADOR H. TAGLIAVINI

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Georgia (PC.DEL/106/04), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/90/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/89/04), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Canada, Georgia, Chairperson

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

*Participation of the Chairman-in-Office at a conference on security policy, held in Munich, Germany, from 6 to 8 February 2004: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *High-Level Tripartite Meeting, to be held in Vienna on 13 February 2004: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/34/04 Restr.)*
- (b) *NATO/OSCE staff level meeting, held in Brussels on 6 February 2004: Secretary General*
- (c) *CORE workshop: Secretary General*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *OSCE-Japan Conference, to be held in Tokyo on 15 and 16 March 2004: Chairperson*
- (b) *Regional elections in Belgium on 13 June 2004: Belgium (PC.DEL/86/04)*
- (c) *PC-FSC workshop on anti-personnel landmines, to be held on 8 March 2004: Chairperson*
- (d) *Entry in force of legislation on freedom of movement and free choice of residence in Ukraine on 15 January 2004: Ukraine*
- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Greece on 7 March 2004: Greece (PC.DEL/87/04)*
- (f) *International conference on preventing genocide, held in Stockholm from 26 to 28 January 2004: Sweden*

- (g) *Organizational matters*: Chairperson
- (h) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Kyrgyzstan

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 16 February 2004, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal