
Bulgarian Chairmanship**508th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 27 May 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Human rights situation in Uzbekistan:* Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania in alignment) (PC.DEL/451/04), Norway, Canada, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/449/04)

(b) *Minority situation in Latvia and Estonia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/455/04), Latvia (PC.DEL/459/04)

(c) *Death penalty in the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/456/04)

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/15/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/450/04), Norway, Switzerland, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/457/04), Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

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

(a) *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office and the President of Moldova, held in Sofia on 20 May 2004:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/43/04)

- (b) *Address of the Chairman-in-Office to the Summit of the League of Arab States, held in Tunisia on 22 and 23 May 2004: Chairperson*
- (c) *Meeting of negotiations in the five-sided format for the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Moldova on 25 and 26 May 2004: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Distribution of the 2005 Programme Outline on 24 May 2004: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/133/04 Restr.)*
- (b) *Report on the Kosovo Police Service School: Secretary General*
- (c) *Fund for Fostering the Integration of Recently Admitted Participating States (RAPS): Secretary General*
- (d) *Parliamentary Assembly-Conflict Prevention Centre Conference on Parliamentary Oversight of Armed Forces, Police and Security Forces, held in Vienna on 24 and 25 May 2004: Secretary General*
- (e) *OSCE-United Nations annual staff meeting, held in New York on 18 and 19 May 2004: Secretary General*
- (f) *Seminar of the South East Europe Cross-Border Co-operation Programme, held in Sofia from 17 to 19 May 2004: Secretary General*
- (g) *Consultations of the Action against Terrorism Unit with the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Organization for Migration: Secretary General*
- (h) *OSCE initial small arms and light weapons assessment visit to Belarus, from 26 to 29 April 2004: Secretary General*
- (i) *Regional workshop on the OSCE Handbook of Best Practice Guides on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held in Ashgabad on 17 and 18 May 2004: Secretary General*
- (j) *Trip by delegations to Moldova from 9 to 12 June 2004: Secretary General*
- (k) *Co-operation on anti-trafficking: Secretary General*
- (l) *Concept paper on an independent audit of the OSCE security management system: Secretary General*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Georgia (also on behalf of Moldova and Ukraine), Azerbaijan*

- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Canada, to be held on 28 June 2004: Canada*
- (c) *Organizational matters related to the Twelfth Meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum: Czech Republic (EF.INF/1/04)*
- (d) *Meeting of the Working Group on Reform, to be held on 28 May 2004:
Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 May 2004, at 3:15 p.m., in the Neuer Saal