

Netherlands Chairmanship

432nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 23 January 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12.15 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE OF THE OSCE
ASSISTANCE GROUP TO CHECHNYA

Secretary General (SEC.GAL/12/03), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: CONTINUED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE OSCE IN THE
CHECHEN REPUBLIC, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

United States of America (PC.DEL/42/03), Greece-European Union (with the
Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union
and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment)
(PC.DEL/31/03), Canada, Norway, Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON
POLICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Media situation in the United States of America:* Representative on Freedom
of the Media, United States of America (PC.DEL/45/03), Greece-European

Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/32/03), Russian Federation

- (b) *Referendum on constitutional reform in Kyrgyzstan, to be held on 2 February 2003*: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/51/03 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/48/03), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of forensic team from Canada to Kazakhstan*: Canada, Chairperson
- (d) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/34/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/43/03)
- (e) *Death penalty in Uzbekistan*: Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/35/03), Switzerland, Canada, Uzbekistan, Chairperson
- (f) *Refusal of transit visa to the Russian Federation for an OSCE staff member*: United States of America (PC.DEL/46/03), Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/36/03), Canada, Secretary General, Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (g) *Situation in Abkhazia, Georgia*: Georgia, United States of America (PC.DEL/49/03), Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/39/03), Canada, Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/50/03)
- (h) *Organizational matters*: Albania

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Staffing status of the OSCE Office in Minsk*: Secretary General
- (b) *Administrative management issues*: Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Decision on the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*: Chairperson

The Chairperson announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights had not been broken (see PC.DEC/528, the text of which is appended to this Journal).

Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/38/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/44/03), Russian Federation, Canada, Norway, Armenia, Switzerland, Austria

- (b) *Appointment of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova*: Chairperson, Moldova
- (c) *Presidential elections in Cyprus, to be held on 16 February 2003*: Cyprus (PC.DEL/37/03)
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Finland, to be held on 16 March 2003*: Finland (PC.DEL/40/03)
- (e) *Abolition of the death penalty in Turkey*: Turkey (PC.DEL/33/03)
- (f) *Visit of the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan to Central Asia*: Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 January 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal