

**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Permanent Council**  PC.JOUR/285 1 June 2000

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#### Austrian Chairmanship

### 285th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. <u>Date</u>: Thursday, 1 June 2000

 Opened:
 10.15 a.m.

 Suspended:
 1.05 p.m.

 Resumed:
 3.25 p.m.

 Closed:
 4.35 p.m.

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl Mr. H.-P. Glanzer
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions:</u>

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Chairperson, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/298/00), Russian Federation, Switzerland, United States of America, Armenia, Luxembourg, Austria

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/14/00 Restr.), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Assembly Team on Moldova (PA.GAL/2/00), Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/299/00), Norway, Moldova (PC.DEL/303/00), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia and Ukraine), Romania, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Canada, United States of America, Georgia, Czech Republic, Chairperson

## Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

**Decision**: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 352 (PC.DEC/352), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Presentation of the report on international assistance to media in South-Eastern Europe: OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/10/00), Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States of America, Greece, Chairperson
- (b) Return of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya: Chairperson, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/301/00), United States of America
- (c) *Legislation on Russian as an official language in Kyrgyzstan*: Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation
- (d) *Political dialogue and related issues in Belarus*: Belarus (SEC.DEL/143/00), Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO (none adopted)

Chairperson

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR GENDER ISSUES

Chairperson

**Decision**: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 353 (PC.DEC/353), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the OSCE Action Plan for Gender Issues.

Chairperson, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/302/00), Canada, Switzerland, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Belarus

# Agenda item 7: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairperson

# Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Central Asia: Chairperson

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia: Chairperson
- (b) Human Dimension Seminar on "Children and Armed Conflict" from 23 to 26 May 2000: Austria, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/300/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/305/00), Turkey
- (c) Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Spain
- (d) *Procedural matters*: Belarus, Chairperson
- (e) Two meetings regarding national minorities in the Slovak Republic on 18 May and on 14 and 15 June 2000: Slovak Republic

### 4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 8 June 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal



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### DECISION No. 352 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

The Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 31 December 2000.



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### DECISION No. 353 OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR GENDER ISSUES

The Permanent Council,

Recalling articles 18, 23 and 24 of the Charter for European Security and paragraph 32 of the Istanbul Summit Declaration, calling for early approval and implementation of OSCE gender action plan,

Noting the need to work towards equal treatment of men and women within the Organization in all areas, including that of personnel recruitment,

Noting further the need to include a gender perspective in the external activities of the Organization in order to eradicate discrimination against women and promote equal treatment of men and women,

1. Approves the Action Plan for Gender Issues as a set of guidelines aimed at ensuring gender equality;

2. Decides to review the Action Plan for Gender Issues every two years, or as necessary, in order to assess progress in its implementation and determine the possible need for changes or adaptations.