

Netherlands Chairmanship

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
(489th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Friday, 19 December 2003

Opened: 3 p.m.

Suspended: 3.15 p.m.

Resumed: 10 a.m. (Monday, 22 December 2003)

Suspended: 10.05 a.m.

Resumed: 4 p.m. (Tuesday, 23 December 2003)

Suspended: 4.05 p.m.

Resumed: 11 a.m. (Wednesday, 24 December 2003)

Closed: 11.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser  
Mr. K. Vosskühler  
Mr. E. De Bont

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE OSCE'S 2004  
UNIFIED BUDGET

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Italy-European Union, Armenia

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 590 (PC.DEC/590), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the approval of the OSCE's 2004 Unified Budget.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),  
United States of America, Turkmenistan (interpretative statement, see  
attachment 2 to the decision), Italy-European Union, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Moratorium on the death penalty in Kazakhstan:* Kazakhstan, Chairperson

- (b) *Decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk:*  
Chairperson

The Chairperson announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk had not been broken (see PC.DEC/589, the text of which is appended to this journal).

Belarus (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 January 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal