
Bulgarian Chairmanship**520th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 29 July 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Re-opening of the Mostar bridge in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/713/04), United Kingdom, Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (b) *Moratorium on the death penalty in Tajikistan*: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/705/04/Rev.1), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/717/04), Norway, Canada, Switzerland
- (c) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/715/04), United States of America
- (d) *Situation with the schools teaching in Latin script in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/716/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/718/04), Ukraine (PC.DEL/728/04 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/726/04), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Romania, Moldova (PC.DEL/711/04), Chairperson
- (e) *Human rights situation in Belarus*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/712/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/719/04), Belarus

(f) *Activities of the OSCE Presence in Albania: Albania* (PC.DEL/721/04)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/167/04/Rev.1 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/714/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/720/04), Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON TOLERANCE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 621 (PC.DEC/621), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on tolerance and the fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON AN ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 622 (PC.DEC/622), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on an election support team to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/180/04 Restr.)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2004 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON ADDRESSING THREATS TO SECURITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: INTERACTION BETWEEN THE OSCE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 623 (PC.DEC/623), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2004 Mediterranean Seminar on Addressing Threats to Security in the Twenty-First Century: Interaction between the OSCE and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

Slovenia (PC.DEL/722/04)

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE PLACE, DATE AND THEME FOR
THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC
FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 624 (PC.DEC/624), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the place, date and theme for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

Slovenia (PC.DEL/723/04)

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 625 (PC.DEC/625), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the appointment of the External Auditor.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2003 AND THE REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 626 (PC.DEC/626), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and the Report of the External Auditor.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE OSCE TRAINING
STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2005 TO 2007

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 627 (PC.DEC/627), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the adoption of the OSCE Training Strategy for the period 2005 to 2007.

Agenda item 10: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office: Chairperson*

Agenda item 11: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Action against Terrorism Unit workshop on travel documents and border control, to be held in Tallinn, Estonia, on 15 and 16 September 2004: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/179/04 Restr.)*
- (b) *Police Experts Workshop on the Investigation of Sexual Crime, held in Vienna on 26 and 27 July 2004: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (c) *Vacancy notice for the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*

Agenda item 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe by the Russian Federation: Russian Federation*
- (b) *Call for applications for the French Republic's Human Rights Prize for 2004 (SEC.DEL/151/04): France, Algeria (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation)*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Canada, Czech Republic*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 July 2004, at 3.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal