
Norwegian Chairmanship

244th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 2 September 1999

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

Chairman, High Commissioner on National Minorities,
Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary,
Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the
Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/414/99), United States of America
(PC.DEL/423/99), Turkey (PC.DEL/419/99), Switzerland, the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Latvia, Russian Federation, Greece,
Albania, Estonia

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Chairman, Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia (PC.FR/22/99 Restr.),
Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/415/99), United States of America
(PC.DEL/421/99), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Croatia

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairman, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, Finland-European Union
(also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania,
Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech
Republic) (PC.DEL/416/99), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/418/99),
Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/422/99), Albania,
Secretary General

Agenda item 4: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Election Observation Mission to Kazakhstan*: Chairman (ODIHR.GAL/31/99) (ODIHR.GAL/32/99) (ODIHR.INF/15/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/417/99)
- (b) *Statement on Ukraine by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Chairman (FOM.GAL/17/99)
- (c) *Situation in Belarus*: United States of America, Belarus
- (d) *Sentencing of Professor Pirkuli Tanrykuliev in Turkmenistan*: Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/420/99)
- (e) *Situation in Kyrgyzstan*: Kyrgyzstan, Chairman
- (f) *Local elections in Bulgaria on 16 October 1999*: Bulgaria

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Elections in Kosovo*: Chairman
- (b) *Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Central Asia*: Chairman

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Normalization of OSCE employment conditions: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/99 Restr.)

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Reminder on arrears of participating States in accordance with financial regulations*: Chairman
- (b) *Briefing of the informal Financial Committee by the Executive Secretariat for the Istanbul Summit on 7 September 1999*: Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 September 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal