

Portuguese Chairmanship

417th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 24 October 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. F. Seixas da Costa

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Hostage-taking operation in Moscow on 23 October 2002:* Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/857/02), Denmark-European Union, Belarus, Romania, Canada, Slovenia, Norway, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Switzerland, Albania, Croatia, Poland

(b) *OSCE projects in Ukraine:* Chairperson

(c) *Municipal elections in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on 26 October 2002:* Chairperson

(d) *Parliamentary elections in the Republic of Montenegro, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held on 20 October 2002:* Chairperson

(e) *Declaration of the Council of the European Union on Belarus:*
Denmark-European Union

(f) *Situation in Belarus:* Denmark-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/854/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/858/02), Poland, Norway, Canada, Russian Federation, Belarus, Chairperson

- (g) *Situation of the media in Uzbekistan*: Denmark-European Union (with Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic in alignment) (PC.DEL/856/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/862/02), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan
- (h) *Abolition of the death penalty*: Denmark-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/855/02), Norway, Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/861/02)
- (i) *Third Parliamentary Conference on the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe, held in Tirana from 14 to 16 October 2002*: Albania (PC.DEL/860/02)
- (j) *Opening of negotiations on a stabilization and association agreement between Albania and the European Union*: Albania (PC.DEL/859/02), Chairperson
- (k) *Seventh Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Istanbul on 14 October 2002*: Turkey (PC.DEL/852/02)
- (l) *Signing of the Protocol of the Working Meeting between the heads of the border defence of Georgia and the Russian Federation, held in Yerevan on 17 October 2002*: Georgia (PC.DEL/853/02), Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Washington, D.C., from 21 to 23 October 2002*: Representative of the Secretary General
- (b) *Deployment operation for the municipal elections in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on 26 October 2002*: Representative of the Secretary General

Agenda item 4: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

- (a) *Regional Heads of Mission meeting, held in Yerevan on 21 and 22 October 2002*: Representative of the Secretary General
- (b) *Disconnection of electricity supply in the headquarters of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, in Pristina*: Representative of the Secretary General

- (c) *OSCE Advisory and Monitoring Group in Belarus*: Representative of the Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Organizational matters related to the Working Group on Tolerance: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 October 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal