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**Slovenian Chairmanship****566th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 1 September 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the following new Permanent Representatives to the OSCE:

Mr. Victor Dolidze (Georgia), Mr. Axel Berg (Germany), Mr. Kornelios Korneliou (Cyprus), Mrs. Rina Prijivoit (Kyrgyzstan), Mrs. Julie Finley (United States of America) and Mr. Lysander Migliaressis-Phocas (Greece).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SOUTH CAUCASUS, MR. HEIKKI TALVITIE

Chairperson, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus (PC.DEL/819/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/825/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/834/05), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/830/05), Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, Turkey (PC.DEL/835/05)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Human rights situation in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/832/05), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/823/05), Russian Federation, Belarus

- (b) *Situation in the conflict zone in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Georgia, United States of America (PC.DEL/833/05), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/822/05), Russian Federation
- (c) *Accession of Belarus to the Kyoto Protocol*: Belarus (PC.DEL/831/05 OSCE+)
- (d) *Modalities of discussing current issues in the Permanent Council*: Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/16/05 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/829/05), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/824/05), Canada (PC.DEL/836/05 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/828/05 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro

Agenda item 4: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LATVIAN-RUSSIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON MILITARY PENSIONERS

Chairperson, Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners (PC.FR/15/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/826/05), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/827/05/Corr.1)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/120/05)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Åke Peterson as the new Head of the OSCE Office in Minsk*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Announcement of the distribution of the written reports on the Secretary General's visits to Uzbekistan on 28 and 29 July 2005 (SEC.GAL/184/05 Restr.) and to Kosovo from 10 to 12 August 2005 (SEC.GAL/185/05 Restr.): Secretary General (SEC.GAL/192/05 OSCE+)*
- (b)    *Visit of the Secretary General to Kyrgyzstan on 14 August 2005 on the occasion of the inauguration of President Kurmanbek Bakiev (SEC.GAL/190/05 Restr.): Secretary General*
- (c)    *Promulgation of the amended Staff Rules on 5 September 2005: Secretary General*
- (d)    *Deployment of the Election Support Team to Afghanistan: Secretary General*
- (e)    *2005 Mediterranean Seminar, to be held in Rabat on 8 and 9 September 2005: Secretary General*

Agenda item 7:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)    *Matters of protocol: Chairperson, Kazakhstan*
- (b)    *Parliamentary elections in Georgia on 1 October 2005: Georgia*
- (c)    *Conference on the OSCE's Future After Thirty Years, to be held in Vienna on 9 September 2005: Netherlands*
- (d)    *Second OSCE Meeting of Police Experts, to be held in Vienna on 12 and 13 September 2005: Chairperson*

4.    Next meeting:

Tuesday, 6 September 2005, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal