



Belgian Chairmanship

610th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 18 May 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the Russian Federation in connection with the terrorist attack in Ingushetia, Russian Federation, on 17 May 2006. The Russian Federation expressed its appreciation to the Council.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION SECRETARY GENERAL/HIGH REPRESENTATIVE ON MONTENEGRIN DIALOGUE, MR. MIROSLAV LAJČÁK

Personal Representative of the European Union Secretary General/High Representative on Montenegrin Dialogue (PC.DEL/450/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/471/06), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/455/06), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/453/06 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING RACISM,
XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION, ALSO
FOCUSING ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER
RELIGIONS; ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM; AND
ON COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MUSLIMS

Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (CIO.GAL/80/06 OSCE+) (CIO.GAL/82/06 OSCE+); Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism (CIO.GAL/80/06 OSCE+); Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions; Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/470/06); Norway; Armenia; Russian Federation (PC.DEL/460/06 OSCE+); Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/469/06); Holy See; Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine); United States of America (PC.DEL/464/06); Ukraine; Azerbaijan; Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Partial re-run of parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, held on 13 May 2006:* Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/472/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/463/06), Azerbaijan
- (b) *Situation in Uzbekistan:* Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/474/06), Norway (PC.DEL/452/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/458/06), Iceland (also on behalf of Canada, Liechtenstein and Switzerland), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Georgia, Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the

