
Chairmanship: Finland**697th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 24 January 2008

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF SLOVENIA, H.E. DR. DIMITRIJ RUPEL

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia (PC.DEL/63/08),
Turkey (PC.DEL/51/08), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and
Ukraine) (PC.DEL/49/08 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/60/08), Kazakhstan
(PC.DEL/56/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/47/08), Serbia
(PC.DEL/62/08), Armenia, United States of America (PC.DEL/44/08)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation concerning the British Council offices in the Russian Federation:*
Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and
Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and
Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country
Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in
alignment) (PC.DEL/46/08), Canada (PC.DEL/50/08), Russian Federation
(PC.DEL/48/08)
- (b) *Procedural aspects related to the conduct of Permanent Council meetings:*
Albania, United States of America, Canada, Holy See, Armenia, Chairperson,
Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: 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/19/08):* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Ukraine and Moldova from 15 to 17 January 2008:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/19/08), Moldova (PC.DEL/61/08), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/59/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/08 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Declaration on the recognition of the competence of the United Nations Committee against Torture:* Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/57/08/Corr.1)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections to be held in Spain on 9 March 2008:* Spain (PC.DEL/43/08)
- (c) *OSCE Mediterranean Seminar, held in Tel Aviv, on 18 and 19 December 2007:* Chairperson, Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/58/08), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), United States of America

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 January 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal