
Netherlands Chairmanship

478th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 20 November 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Presidential elections in Azerbaijan, held on 15 October 2003:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1409/03)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Georgia, held on 2 November 2003:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1408/03)
- (c) *Situation regarding freedom of expression and assembly in Ukraine:* Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1402/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1412/03), Canada (PC.DEL/1410/03), Ukraine
- (d) *Human rights situation in Turkmenistan:* Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1401/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1404/03), Norway, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (e) *Signing of the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by Kazakhstan:* Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1397/03 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/1405/03), Italy-European Union (PC.DEL/1399/03), Chairperson, Romania

- (f) *Apologies by the President of Serbia and Montenegro to Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1400/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1407/03), Canada, Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson
- (g) *Presidential elections in Serbia, held on 16 November 2003*: United States of America (PC.DEL/1407/03), Canada, Serbia and Montenegro
- (h) *Minority situation in Latvia and the situation of military pensioners in Estonia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1411/03), Estonia, Latvia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (PC.FR/35/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1403/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1406/03), Russian Federation, Canada, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/34/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1398/03), United States of America, Russian Federation, Albania, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to United Nations Headquarters, from 14 to 17 November 2003*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/210/03 Restr.)
- (b) *Draft Staff instruction on preventing trafficking in human beings*: Secretary General
- (c) *Staffing issues at the OSCE Mission in Kosovo*: Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Terrorist acts in Istanbul on 20 November 2003*: Chairperson, Turkey, United Kingdom
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Serbia, to be held on 28 December 2003*: Serbia and Montenegro
- (c) *Meeting of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia, held on 18 November 2003*: Portugal, Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 November 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal