
Slovenian Chairmanship**555th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 May 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson read out the statement by the Chairman-in-Office on the sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, issued on 9 May 2005. Then the Permanent Council observed a minute of silence. Belarus (PC.DEL/371/05) made a statement on the same matter.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *European Union-Russian Federation Summit, held in Moscow on 10 May 2005:* Luxembourg-European Union (PC.DEL/368/05), Russian Federation

(b) *Chairmanship's response to Moldova's request to send international observers to the security zone in Moldova:* Chairperson, Moldova (PC.DEL/374/05), Russian Federation

(c) *2005 OSCE-Korea Conference, held in Seoul on 25 and 26 April 2005:* Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation)

(d) *Enhancing transparency with regard to discussions in the Permanent Council under the agenda item "Review of Current Issues":* Albania, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/3/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/367/05), United States of America, Kazakhstan, Canada (PC.DEL/376/05), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Turkmenistan, Turkey (PC.DEL/372/05), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/375/05), Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/373/05 Restr.), Armenia, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Latvia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE

Head of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe (PC.FR/8/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/369/05), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/370/05/Restr.), Tajikistan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: 2005 UNIFIED BUDGET

- (a) *Decision on the provisional financing arrangement for implementation of 2005 Unified Budget:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 671 (PC.DEC/671), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the provisional financing arrangement for implementation of 2005 Unified Budget.

Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision)

- (b) *Decision on approval of the 2005 Unified Budget:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 672 (PC.DEC/672), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on approval of the 2005 Unified Budget.

Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision),

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision),
Uzbekistan (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision)

Ukraine, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/108/05 OSCE+)

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/67/05): Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Draft decision on co-operation between the Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former
Yugoslavia (PC.DD/17/05): Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 May 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal