
Norwegian Chairmanship

254th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 21 October 1999

Opened: 9.45 a.m.

Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn

H.E. Knut Vollebæk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, addressed the meeting (CIO.GAL/79/99).

Chairman

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/552/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/560/99), Switzerland, Albania, Chairman

Agenda item 2: OSCE ASSISTANCE GROUP TO CHECHNYA

Head of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya (PC.FR/30/99 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/554/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/553/99), Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation, Chairman

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE REVISION OF THE OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS

The Chairman announced that discussion of the Decision on the Revision of the OSCE Staff Regulations would be postponed until the meeting of the Permanent Council on 28 October 1999.

Agenda item 4: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/556/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/563/99)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Belarus*: Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/557/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/561/99), Czech Republic, Chairman, Belarus (SEC.DEL/306/99), Netherlands
- (b) *Status of the withdrawal of Russian troops and equipment from Moldova*: Moldova, United States of America (PC.DEL/562/99), Chairman, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)
- (c) *Status of the dismantling of the Skrunda Radar Station*: Latvia, Chairman

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Seventh high-level "2+2" OSCE-Council of Europe meeting on 20 October 1999 in Berlin*: Secretary General (CIO.GAL/78/99)
- (b) *Report on the OSCE-Council of Europe meeting on monitoring of joint commitments on 4 October 1999 in Vienna*: Secretary General
- (c) *Update on staffing of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/106/99 Restr.)

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Organizational matters regarding the Security Model Committee and the Charter for European Security*: Chairman
- (b) *Activities related to the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe*: Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal