
Slovenian Chairmanship**542nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 27 January 2005

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.20 p.m.
Resumed: 3.35 p.m.
Closed: 5 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Permanent Council observed a minute of silence to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp on 27 January 1945.

On behalf of the Permanent Council, the Chairperson welcomed Ms. Ana Barata, the new Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, and Mr. Christian Falkowski, the new Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the International Organizations in Vienna.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY H.E. JEAN ASSELBORN, VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LUXEMBOURG, ON THE PRIORITIES OF THE EU PRESIDENCY

Chairperson, Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg (PC.DEL/48/05), Albania (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro) (PC.DEL/60/05 OSCE+), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/45/05 Restr.), Ukraine, United States of America, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/55/05), Belarus (PC.DEL/57/05), Norway, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Moldova (PC.DEL/49/05 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/47/05)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ODIHR

Director of the ODIHR (ODIHR.GAL/5/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/51/05), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/46/05 Restr.), United States of America, Belarus (PC.DEL/58/05), Switzerland, Norway, Armenia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Moldova (PC.DEL/50/05 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Restrictions on travel of representatives of the diplomatic corps to the Transdnistrian region of Moldova*: Russian Federation, Ukraine, Moldova (PC.DEL/53/05), Armenia
- (b) *Meeting of the mediators of the Transdnistrian conflict, held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 25 and 26 January 2005*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/54/05), Ukraine, Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/52/05), Chairperson
- (c) *Reply to the statement of 19 January 2005 by the United States of America on Belarus*: Belarus
- (d) *United States policy on torture*: United States of America
- (e) *Vandalism of a monument in Latvia*: Russian Federation, Belarus, Latvia

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 658 (PC.DEC/658), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Georgia, Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING (not adopted)

Chairperson, Russian Federation

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM AND ON OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 659 (PC.DEC/659), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the dates of the OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism and on Other Forms of Intolerance.

Agenda item 7: 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/5/05 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/19/05 Restr.):* Secretary General
- (b) *Report of the joint Secretariat-ODIHR Training Needs Assessment Team to the Palestinian Territories:* Secretary General, United States of America, Turkey, Armenia
- (c) *Meeting with the Mayor of Vienna:* Secretary General
- (d) *Visit of the Director of the CPC to Georgia:* Secretary General, Russian Federation

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *International launch of the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015), to be held in Sofia on 1 and 2 February 2005:* Bulgaria
- (b) *Municipal elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to be held in March 2005:* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (c) *Seminar on the OSCE Communication Network, held in Sarajevo in December 2004:* Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Portugal, to be held on 20 February 2005:* Portugal
- (e) *Award of the French Republic's Human Rights Prize for 2004 to a Croatian NGO:* France (PC.DEL/59/05 Restr.), Croatia (PC.DEL/56/05 OSCE+)
- (f) *Georgian Plan of Action against Trafficking:* Georgia
- (g) *Georgian initiatives for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Georgia
- (h) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings in 2005:* Chairperson
- (i) *Establishment of an Informal Group of Friends of the Chair for the 2005 Annual Security Review Conference:* Chairperson

- (j) *Language conforming meeting on the documents adopted by the Ministerial Council in 2004, to be held on 31 January 2005: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 February 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal