
Belgian Chairmanship**611th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 25 May 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty (PC.FR/11/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/487/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/495/06 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/498/06), Norway (PC.DEL/491/06), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/496/06 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/10/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/488/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/499/06), Albania (PC.DEL/493/06 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Referendum on independence in Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro, held on 21 May 2006*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/486/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/492/06 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/500/06), Canada, Armenia, Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/502/06), Chairperson
- (b) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/485/06), United States of America
- (c) *GUAM Summit, held in Kiev, on 23 May 2006*: Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/494/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (d) *Vandalism of a monument to Soviet soldiers in Estonia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/497/06 OSCE+), Estonia (PC.DEL/501/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (e) *Decree of the President of Kyrgyzstan on democratization processes*: Kyrgyzstan
- (f) *Database on access to information by the media*: Chairperson, Representative on Freedom of the Media, Armenia

Agenda item 4: 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/89/06)*: Chairperson
- (b) *International Policy Dialogue: New Perspectives for Economic Co-operation in Central Asia, held in Berlin, on 18 and 19 May 2006*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/89/06)
- (c) *Fourteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum (Part II), held in Prague, from 22 to 24 May 2006*: Chairperson
- (d) *Meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the Director of the ODIHR, in Warsaw, on 23 May 2006*: Chairperson

- (e) *Meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the mediators of the Transdniestrian conflict, in Brussels, on 24 May 2006: Chairperson*
- (f) *Meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, in Brussels, on 24 May 2006: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/06 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Fourteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum (Part II), held in Prague, from 22 to 24 May 2006: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/06 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Regional Conference on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Central Asia — Regional Response, held in Astana, on 18 and 19 May 2006: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/06 OSCE+)*
- (d) *116th Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, held in Strasbourg, France, on 18 and 19 May 2006: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/06 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Presentation of the Programme Outline for 2007: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/06 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Elections to the Grand and General Council of San Marino, to be held on 4 June 2006: San Marino*
- (b) *Chairmanship of San Marino in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe: San Marino*
- (c) *International seminar on anti-personnel landmines, held in Minsk, from 22 to 24 May 2006: Belarus*
- (d) *Announcement regarding a letter from the former Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 June 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal