
Bulgarian Chairmanship**503rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 1 April 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

The Chairperson, prior to taking up the agenda, announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the Kosovo Police Service School had not been broken (see PC.DEC/603, the text of which is appended to this journal).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE EUROPEAN UNION SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SOUTH CAUCASUS, AMBASSADOR HEIKKI TALVITIE

Chairperson, European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus (PC.DEL/248/04 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/258/04), Azerbaijan, Turkey, Russian Federation, Romania, Armenia, Georgia

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Parliamentary elections in Georgia, held on 28 March 2004:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/263/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/260/04), Canada

(b) *Pardoning and release of prisoners in Azerbaijan:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/262/04), Norway, Azerbaijan

- (c) *Events at the office of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/265/04), Canada, Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson
- (d) *Amendments to the Latvian law on citizens of the former USSR*: Russian Federation, Latvia (PC.DEL/269/04)
- (e) *Enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization*: Slovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia) (PC.DEL/256/04), Albania (also on behalf of Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) (PC.DEL/255/04), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/268/04)
- (f) *Destruction of anti-personnel landmines and implementation of Article 4 of the Ottawa Convention by Tajikistan*: Tajikistan, Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Kyrgyzstan
- (g) *Amendments to the criminal code of Kyrgyzstan*: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/257/04)
- (h) *Closure of the "Sputnik" refugee camp in Ingushetia, Russian Federation*: United States of America (PC.DEL/261/04), Russian Federation
- (i) *Media situation in Armenia*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/267/04), Armenia, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Ireland-European Union, Chairperson, Belarus
- (j) *Recent terrorist attacks in Uzbekistan*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/266/04), Chairperson, Norway, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova)

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/9/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/264/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/259/04), Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Moldova), Russian Federation, Armenia, Canada, Georgia (PC.DEL/270/04 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
 2004 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 604 (PC.DEC/604), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda and modalities of the 2004 Annual Security Review Conference.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER
 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2004 HUMAN
 DIMENSION SEMINAR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 605 (PC.DEC/605), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2004 Human Dimension Seminar.

Agenda item 6: 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/28/04):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of a team of experts from the Secretariat to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo:*
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/79/04 Restr.)
- (b) *Funding for the Police Assistance Programme in Kyrgyzstan:*
Secretary General
- (c) *Recently Admitted Participating States Fund:* Secretary General
- (d) *Vacancy notices:* Secretary General
- (e) *Recruitment for the post of Director of the Office of the Secretary General:*
Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Upgrade of Croatia to full membership status in the South Eastern Europe
Co-operation Process:* Croatia

4. Next meeting:

To be announced