
Belgian Chairmanship**593rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 16 February 2006

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

Chairperson, Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/1/06/Rev.1), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, 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/142/06), Norway (PC.DEL/126/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/120/06 OSCE+), Morocco (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/125/06 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/122/06), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/130/06 OSCE+), Turkey, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Jordan (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation), Canada, Egypt (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/118/06/Rev.1 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/123/06), Switzerland, Belarus, Armenia, Croatia (PC.DEL/128/06 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/129/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: **REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES**

(a) *Situation of NGOs in Kyrgyzstan*: United States of America, Kyrgyzstan

(b) *Election of a president of Kosovo's Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG)*: 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; 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/141/06)

- (c) *Final report of the ODIHR on the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, held on 6 November 2005*: 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; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/137/06), Azerbaijan
- (d) *Closure of the Belarusian Union of Youth and Children's Public Associations (RADA) in Belarus*: 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; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/138/06), Belarus
- (e) *Death of Mr. A. Sarsenbaiuly in Kazakhstan*: Kazakhstan, 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/140/06), Canada (PC.DEL/146/06 OSCE+)
- (f) *Resolution of the Georgian Parliament regarding the peacekeeping forces in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Georgia (PC.DEL/136/06 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/135/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (PC.DEL/139/06), Chairperson
- (g) *Spot report of 10 February 2006 by the Mission to Georgia on the deployment of additional Georgian military personnel in the zone of conflict (SEC.FR/50/06)*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/134/06 OSCE+), Georgia, Chairperson
- (h) *United States policy on torture*: United States of America (PC.DEL/132/06)

Agenda item 3: 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/19/06): Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Moldova,
Chairperson*
- (b) *Meeting between the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Minsk
Group Co-Chairmen, held in Rambouillet, France, on 10 and
11 February 2006: France*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Italy, to be held on 9 and 10 April 2006: Italy
(PC.DEL/143/06)*
- (d) *Winter Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Vienna on
23 and 24 February 2006: Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary
Assembly*
- (e) *Chairpersons and chefs de file of Permanent Council working groups in 2006:
Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 March 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal