

Romanian Chairmanship

323rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 1 March 2001

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.50 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. T. Chebeleu

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN KOSOVO

United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Kosovo, Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/100/01), Ukraine, Poland, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/111/01), Switzerland, Norway (PC.DEL/118/01), Albania (PC.DEL/117/01), Canada, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Yugoslavia, Chairman

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Incidents on the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo) and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States of America (PC.DEL/113/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania and Slovenia) (PC.DEL/103/01), Czech Republic (also on behalf of Poland and Slovakia), Turkey (PC.DEL/116/01), Canada, Russian Federation, Yugoslavia, Norway, Switzerland, Secretary General, Chairman*

- (b) *Abolition of the death penalty*: Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Turkey (PC.DEL/109/01), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/121/01)
- (c) *Situation of the media in the Ukraine*: Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/122/01)
- (d) *Summit of the Heads of State and Government of South-Eastern European Countries, held in Skopje on 22 and 23 February 2001*: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairman
- (e) *Meeting of the Standing Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Vienna on 22 and 23 February 2001*: Belarus (PC.DEL/110/01), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/123/01), Sweden-European Union (PC.DEL/105/01)
- (f) *Adoption of a referendum law in Montenegro*: United States of America (PC.DEL/115/01), Yugoslavia, Poland, Chairman
- (g) *Constitutional reform in Slovakia*: Slovakia (PC.DEL/104/01)
- (h) *Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: United States of America (PC.DEL/120/01)
- (i) *Counter-terrorism law in Uzbekistan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/119/01), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Balkan Operational Agencies Co-ordination (BOAC) Meeting, held in Brussels on 27 February 2001: Secretary General

Agenda item 4: OSCE MISSION TO LATVIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Latvia (PC.FR/5/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/107/01), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Canada, Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/114/01), Latvia, Chairman

Agenda item 5: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/6/01), Moldova (PC.DEL/106/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/108/01),

Switzerland, Canada, Ukraine, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/112/01), Portugal

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE MAIN SUBJECTS AND
 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE NINTH
 MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 404 (PC.DEC/404), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the main subjects and organizational modalities for the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

Chairman

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Address of the Chairman-in-Office to the Standing Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 23 February 2001:* Chairman
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to the Caucasus on 27 and 28 February 2001:* Chairman
- (c) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Georgia on 28 February and 1 March 2001:* Chairman

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Mission staffing issues:* Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Washington, D.C., from 19 to 21 February 2001:* Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Address of the Secretary General to the Standing Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 22 February 2001 and participation in the Seminar on OSCE: Lessons Learned During the Austrian Chairmanship - a Look Forward, on 23 February 2001:* Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 27 February 2001:* Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *OSCE restricted website:* Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Seminar on Freedom of Religion or Belief: Challenges to Law and Practice, held in The Hague on 26 June 2001: Netherlands (PC.DEL/99/01)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 March 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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DECISION No. 404
MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR
THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM
15-18 May 2001

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs (21) to (32), of the Helsinki Document 1992, and

Recalling its Decision No. 363 of 22 June 2000,

The Permanent Council decides that,

1. Within the framework of the overall theme “Transparency and good governance in economic matters” and with regard to the preparatory process, the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum will concentrate on the following main subjects:

- (a) Issues related to the promotion of transparency and good governance;
- (b) Actors involved in the promotion of transparency and good governance;
- (c) Instruments for promoting transparency and good governance.

2. Moreover, taking into account its mandate, the Economic Forum will

- (a) Review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension and the recommendations of the Eighth Economic Forum, including the seminars held under the economic dimension since the last Economic Forum;
- (b) Discuss future activities for the economic dimension in 2001/2002.

3. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by officials responsible for shaping international economic policy in the OSCE area. Participation of representatives from the private sector in their delegations would be welcome.

4. As in previous years, the format of the Economic Forum should foresee the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions.

5. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum: Council of Europe, Energy Charter Secretariat, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Environment Agency, European Investment Bank, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Health Organization, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and other relevant organizations.
6. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Partners for Co-operation (Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) are invited to participate in the Economic Forum.
7. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum.
8. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs (15) and (16), of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the meeting.
9. The Chair of the Forum will present his or her summary conclusions from the discussions at the end of the meeting. The PC will further include the conclusions of the Forum in its discussions of future activities of the economic and environmental dimension in order to identify possible recommendations and take the necessary decisions for appropriate follow-up activities.