

Netherlands Chairmanship

463rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 31 July 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Presidential elections in Azerbaijan on 15 October 2003:* Azerbaijan,
Chairperson

(b) *Situation in Turkmenistan:* Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/931/03 Restr.),
Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/8/03), United States of America, Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/932/03), Armenia, Switzerland, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/942/03), Belarus, Italy (PC.DEL/933/03), Germany (PC.DEL/938/03), Albania, Serbia and Montenegro, Kyrgyzstan,
Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty (PC.FR/21/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment)

(PC.DEL/934/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/943/03),
Russian Federation, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Kazakhstan
(PC.DEL/939/03 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE PLACE, DATE AND THEME FOR THE
TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 558 (PC.DEC/558),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the place, date and theme for
the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN THE OSCE AND THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC
RELATED TO THE WALLNERSTRASSE PREMISES OF
THE OSCE SECRETARIAT AND THE REPRESENTATIVE
ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 559 (PC.DEC/559),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the financing arrangement
between the OSCE and the Austrian Republic related to the Wallnerstrasse
premises of the OSCE Secretariat and the Representative on Freedom of the
Media.

Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic,
Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia,
and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment)
(PC.DEL/935/03), Canada, Austria, Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Fifth high-level meeting between the United Nations and regional organizations:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/150/03 Restr.)
- (b) *Decision on the financing arrangement between the OSCE and the Austrian Republic related to the Wallnerstrasse premises of the OSCE Secretariat and the Representative on Freedom of the Media:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) *Workshop on the applicability of OSCE confidence- and security-building measures in North-East Asia revisited, to be held in Seoul on 22 and 23 September 2003:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

- (d) *Seminar on the comprehensive approach to security: the OSCE experience and its relevance for the Mediterranean region, to be held in Jordan on 20 and 21 October 2003*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (e) *Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the Police of Armenia*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (f) *Police programme of assistance to Kyrgyzstan*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (g) *Vacancy in the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Visit of an OSCE project-formulation team to the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation from 28 to 30 July 2003*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/80/03), Russian Federation
- (b) *Matters of protocol*: Dean of the Permanent Council (Azerbaijan), Slovenia, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 3 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal