
Netherlands Chairmanship**449th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 May 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condolences to Turkey on the occasion of an earthquake in the eastern province of Bingol which had caused so many victims. Turkey thanked the Chairperson and reminded delegations of Paragraph 38 of the Istanbul Summit Declaration on responding to natural disasters.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOSOVO, HEAD OF UNMIK,
H.E. AMBASSADOR MICHAEL STEINER

Head of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (PC.DEL/439/03), Greece-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/440/03), United States of America, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, Norway, Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/438/03), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania (PC.DEL/445/03), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/451/03), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Turkmenistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/455/03), Greece-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/441/03), Canada (also on behalf of Norway), Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Chairperson

- (b) *Incident at the trial of Mr. B. Mkalavishvili in Georgia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/454/03), Greece-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/442/03), Canada, Georgia, Chairperson
- (c) *Signing of the Charter of Partnership between the United States of America and Albania, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: Albania (also on behalf of Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) (PC.DEL/443/03)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, DATES AND MODALITIES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 544 (PC.DEC/544), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, dates and modalities of the First Annual Security Review Conference.

Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 4: SUCCESSOR TO MR. FREIMUT DUVE AS OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/38/03 Restr.): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/84/03 Restr.):* Secretary General
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 7 May 2003:* Secretary General
- (c) *OSCE intranet:* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Human Dimension Seminar on participation of women in public and economic life, to be held in Warsaw from 13 to 15 May 2003: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 May 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal