
Chairmanship: Spain**655th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 March 2007

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, Mr. Rakhat Aliyev.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF LITHUANIA,
H.E. MR. VALDAS ADAMKUS

Chairperson, President of Lithuania, Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; and the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/186/07), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Russian Federation, Norway (PC.DEL/190/07 OSCE+), Iceland (PC.DEL/206/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/200/07), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/196/07), Armenia

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/2/07 OSCE+), Germany-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/187/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/210/07 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/201/07), Moldova (PC.DEL/189/07 OSCE+)

Right of reply: Russian Federation, United States of America, Moldova

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Adoption of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/07 on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Chairperson

The Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, by a letter issued on 7 March 2007 (see the Annex to this journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of the Ministerial Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (see MC.DEC/1/07, the text of which is appended to this journal).

- (b) *“Local and parliamentary elections” in Abkhazia, Georgia, held on 11 February and 4 March 2007*: Germany-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; 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/188/07), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/199/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/192/07 OSCE+)
- (c) *International Women’s Day on 8 March 2007*: United States of America (PC.DEL/209/07), Canada (PC.DEL/191/07)
- (d) *Demonstrations in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, on 3 March 2007*: United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/203/07 OSCE+)
- (e) *Address by the President of Kazakhstan to the people of Kazakhstan on 28 February 2007*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/197/07 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/193/07 OSCE+)
- (f) *Request by Kyrgyzstan for assistance in the area of border security and management*: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/184/07 OSCE+), Secretary General, Turkey (*Chef de file* for border management and security)
- (g) *Selection process for the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities*: Albania, Chairperson, Armenia, United States of America, Canada

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office*: Chairperson

- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Belgrade and Priština*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Croatia*: Secretary General
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Turkmenistan on 5 and 6 March 2007*:
Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Release of the Annual Country Reports for 2006 on Human Rights Practices: United States of America (PC.DEL/208/07)*
- (b) *Social event to be held in Vienna on 21 March 2007*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 March 2007, at 2.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Madrid, 7 March 2007

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (MC.DD/1/07), expiring on 7 March 2007, at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Fifteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 8 March 2007.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs
of the OSCE participating States