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288th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 22 June 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m. Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl

Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE IN GERMANY

Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office in Germany, Chairperson, Slovak Republic (also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland) (PC.DEL/341/00), United States of America, Albania, Russian Federation, Switzerland

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Media situation in the Russian Federation*: United States of America (PC.DEL/360/00)
- (b) Boycott of elections in Kosovo by the Turkish minority: Turkey, Chairperson, United States of America, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Portugal-European Union, Albania
- (c) Conference on "Roma in the OSCE area" in Bratislava on 14 and 15 June 2000: Slovak Republic, Chairperson
- (d) Sentencing of opposition leaders in Belarus: United States of America (PC.DEL/359/00), Belarus, Chairperson
- (e) Local elections in Romania on 4 and 18 June 2000: Hungary, Romania

(f) *Media situation in Kosovo*: Russian Federation, Chairperson,

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO TAJIKISTAN

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 361 (PC.DEC/361), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON A REVISED OSCE BUDGET PROCESS AND BUDGET FORMAT

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 362 (PC.DEC/362), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a revised OSCE budget process and budget format.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE PLACE, DATE AND OVERALL THEME FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 363 (PC.DEC/363), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the place, date and overall theme for the ninth meeting of the Economic Forum.

Chairperson

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

Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Conference on terrorism and counter terrorism in Central Asia in Washington, D.C. on 14 and 15 June 2000: Secretary General
- (b) Consultations with the Department of State of the United States of America: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/00)
- (c) Staffing issues of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/62/00)

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Trafficking in Human Beings in Vienna on 19 and 20 June 2000: Chairperson

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 29 June 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal



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DECISION No. 361 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO TAJIKISTAN

The Permanent Council decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan until 31 December 2000.



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DECISION No. 362 REVISED OSCE BUDGET PROCESS AND BUDGET FORMAT

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 331 of 15 December 1999, paragraph II.1, in which it tasked the informal Financial Committee (IFC) with presenting a report and recommendations to the Permanent Council on ways of improving the process of preparation and review of the budget, with particular emphasis given to the establishment of a more uniform process,

Taking note with appreciation of the contributions to the review of this issue by the IFC and the Secretariat,

- Endorses the Chairmanship's proposal regarding a uniform budget process (PC.IFC/29/00/Rev.1);
- Supports the Secretariat's proposal for a revised OSCE budget format (PC.IFC/19/00/Rev.2);
- Decides to pay continued attention to ways of improving programme budgeting which would include the evaluation of all programmatic activities, and to revert to this issue as required.



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DECISION No. 363 PLACE, DATE AND OVERALL THEME FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the Chairperson's Summary of the Eighth Meeting of the Economic Forum,

Decides that the Ninth Meeting of the Economic Forum will take place in Prague from 15 to 18 May 2001. The overall theme of the Forum will be "Transparency and good governance in economic matters".

Discussions of the Forum should benefit from input provided by deliberations in various international organizations, other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings, including seminars.

Moreover, taking into account its mandate, the Economic Forum will review the implementation of commitments in the economic dimension.

The organizational modalities, including the sub-themes of the Forum, will be further elaborated and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption in due time.