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**Chairmanship: Spain****646th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 18 January 2007  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Closed: 1.10 p.m.
2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma
3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF GERMANY, H.E. FRANK-WALTER STEINMEIER

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany (PC.DEL/19/07), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/32/07), Switzerland (PC.DEL/30/07 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/44/07 OSCE+), Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/41/07 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Serbia (PC.DEL/36/07), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/35/07), Montenegro (PC.DEL/37/07 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/25/07 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/33/07), Turkey (PC.DEL/45/07), Canada, Albania (PC.DEL/27/07 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Presidential elections in Turkmenistan, to be held on 11 February 2007:* Chairperson, Secretary General, 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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/21/07), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/26/07 OSCE+)
- (b) *Recent developments concerning energy security:* Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association

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\* Corrected reissue incorporating amendments to agenda item 1.

Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/22/07), Norway (PC.DEL/28/07 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/34/07), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/38/07 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/42/07), Armenia

- (c) *Municipal elections in Belarus, held on 14 January 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/23/07), United States of America, Belarus (PC.DEL/39/07 OSCE+)
- (d) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Liechtenstein (Dean of the Permanent Council), Finland (PC.DEL/31/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

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

Agenda item 4:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General*:  
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/07 OSCE+)
- (b) *Annual Heads of Mission Meeting, held in Vienna on 11 and 12 January 2007*:  
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/07 OSCE+)
- (c) *Meeting with Heads of Institutions, held in Vienna on 12 January 2007*:  
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/07 OSCE+)
- (d) *Launch of a multi-lingual search engine on the OSCE website*:  
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Response to the interpretative statement made by Belarus on PC Decision No. 775*:  
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; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (Annex), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/29/07 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/40/07 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 January 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

At the meeting of the Permanent Council on 11 January 2007 the European Union reserved its right to come back to the interpretative statement by the delegation of Belarus in connection with the Permanent Council's decision to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk until 31 December 2007 (PC.DEC/775).

The EU does not share the view of the delegation of Belarus that the OSCE Office in Minsk "should focus primary attention on transferring its tasks and experience to Belarusian State institutions". To narrow the focus of the work of the Office in this way is certainly not in line with its mandate. The EU wishes to stress that OSCE missions should be able to implement programmes and projects in all areas defined in their mandates, thus assisting the host governments to implement their OSCE commitments.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia, as well as Ukraine align themselves with this statement.

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\* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.