
Slovenian Chairmanship**586th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 22 December 2005

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Denial of accreditation to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Tashkent bureau:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1277/05), Uzbekistan
- (b) *The case of Ms. N. Khidayatova in Uzbekistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1283/05), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Destruction of historical monuments in Azerbaijan:* Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1284/05 OSCE+)
- (d) *Granting of European Union candidate country status to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* United Kingdom-European Union (PC.DEL/1268/05), Serbia and Montenegro (also on behalf of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/1276/05), Chairperson
- (e) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia:* United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1273/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1275/05 OSCE+), Georgia

- (f) *The release of Mr. D. Tolibov in Tajikistan*: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1274/05), Tajikistan
- (g) *Settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict*: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1271/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1264/05 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/1278/05), Ukraine, Moldova (PC.DEL/1265/05 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/1266/05 OSCE+)
- (h) *Constitutional reform in Kyrgyzstan*: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1270/05), Kyrgyzstan
- (i) *Organization of a referendum in Montenegro*: United Kingdom-European Union (PC.DEL/1272/05), Serbia and Montenegro
- (j) *Amendments to the Belarusian criminal code and criminal procedure code*: Belarus (PC.DEL/1280/05)
- (k) *Adoption by the UN General Assembly of the resolution on the Inadmissibility of Certain Practices that Contribute to Fuelling Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1285/05 OSCE+)
- (l) *Human rights situation in the United States of America*: Belarus (PC.DEL/1281/05)
- (m) *Return of Uzbek refugees from Kazakhstan*: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1269/05), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1279/05)

- (n) *The release of Mr. Zhakiyanov in Kazakhstan*: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1269/05)

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE, MR. MANFRED NOWAK

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1267/05), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1282/05), Holy See, Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), Uzbekistan, Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE GEORGIAN BORDER GUARDS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 713 (PC.DEC/713), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the Training Assistance Programme for the Georgian Border Guards.

Georgia

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN TASHKENT

Chairperson, Uzbekistan

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 714 (PC.DEC/714), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Tashkent.

Uzbekistan (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

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

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

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Finland, to be held on 15 January 2006: Finland*
- (b) *Farewell to the Slovenian Chairmanship: United Kingdom-European Union,
United States of America, Russian Federation, Dean of the Permanent Council
(Liechtenstein), Armenia, Chairperson, Belgium*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 January 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal