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**Bulgarian Chairmanship****529th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 21 October 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.  
Closed: 5.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR JAVIER RUPEREZ,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTORATE (CTED)

Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (PC.DEL/996/04), Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends of the Chair on Combating Terrorism (Sweden), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment), United States of America (PC.DEL/1006/04), Canada, Belarus (PC.DEL/1001/04), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Armenia, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/04 OSCE+), Algeria (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment), United States of America, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/994/04), Chairperson

(b) *Parliamentary elections in Belarus:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment),

Russian Federation, Canada (also on behalf of Iceland and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/993/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1007/04), Norway, Tajikistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/999/04), Chairperson

- (c) *Reply to the Ukrainian statement of 30 September 2004 on the electoral system in the United States of America*: United States of America
- (d) *Presidential elections in the United States of America*: Belarus (PC.DEL/1000/04), Armenia, Chairperson
- (e) *Municipal elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, held on 2 October 2004*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment), United States of America (PC.DEL/1008/04), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (f) *Death penalty in Uzbekistan*: Uzbekistan, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment)

Agenda item 3:           REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA, AMBASSADOR ROY REEVE, AND ADDRESS BY THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SOUTH CAUCASUS, AMBASSADOR HEIKKI TALVITIE

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/28/04/Rev.1 Restr.), EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment), Russian Federation, United States of America, Azerbaijan, Norway, Armenia, Canada, Georgia (PC.DEL/998/04 Restr.), Chairperson

Right of reply: Russian Federation

Agenda item 4:           REPORT OF THE OSCE ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN

Head of the OSCE Election Support Team to Afghanistan, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment), United States of America, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Armenia, Canada, Russian Federation, Secretary General, Director of the ODIHR, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson (PC.DEL/1002/04 OSCE+)

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

*Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to South-East Europe*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/101/04 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)   *Briefing on the 2005 Unified Budget Proposal at the autumn meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Rhodes, Greece, from 29 September to 1 October 2004:* Secretary General
- (b)   *Visit of the Secretary General to Moscow on 18 and 19 October 2004:* Secretary General
- (c)   *Activities of the Action against Terrorism Unit:* Secretary General

Agenda item 7:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)   *Spain's candidacy for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2007:* Spain, Croatia (PC.DEL/1003/04), Chairperson
- (b)   *Briefing on the Norwegian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:* Norway (PC.DEL/1010/04), Chairperson
- (c)   *Organizational matters related to the OSCE Mediterranean Seminar, to be held in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, on 18 and 19 November 2004:* Slovenia

4.   Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 October 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal