
Bulgarian Chairmanship**501st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 25 March 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Pardoning and release of prisoners in Azerbaijan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/239/04), Azerbaijan, Chairperson
- (b) *Situation in the Ajara region of Georgia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/238/04), Georgia, Chairperson
- (c) *Draft electoral law and draft media law in Kazakhstan*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/232/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/240/04) (PC.DEL/241/04), Kazakhstan
- (d) *Condemnation of a tendency to link violence and terrorism with a religion or nationality*: Turkey (PC.DEL/226/04), Holy See (PC.DEL/228/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/227/04), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/233/04), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/246/04), Russian Federation, Canada, Kazakhstan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Chairperson
- (e) *Cases of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee and Mr. A. Lebedko in Belarus*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia,

and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/231/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/242/04), Norway, Belarus (PC.DEL/245/04)

- (f) *Situation of internally displaced persons in Ingushetia, the Russian Federation:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/230/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/236/04), Norway, Croatia (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Russian Federation, France
- (g) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Russian Federation, Georgia

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAD

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad (PC.FR/6/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/234/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/244/04), Norway, Russian Federation, Canada, Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/225/04 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/8/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/229/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/237/04), Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE MAIN SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 602 (PC.DEC/602), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the main subjects and organizational modalities for the Twelfth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

Agenda item 5: 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 (CIO.GAL/24/04 Restr.): Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/77/04 Restr.): Secretary General*
- (b) *Hazard pay for staff in the OSCE Mission in Kosovo: Secretary General*
- (c) *Travel restrictions to Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro: Secretary General*
- (d) *Publishing the OSCE Annual Report: Secretary General*
- (e) *Vacancy notice for the post of Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention
Centre: Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Prime Ministerial Conference “Towards a wider Europe: the new agenda”,
held in Bratislava on 18 and 19 March 2004: Slovakia*
- (b) *Draft Permanent Council decision on solidarity with the situation of victims of
terrorism in the OSCE area: Spain (PC.DEL/235/04 Restr.)*
- (c) *Elections to the European Parliament, to be held in the EU Member States
from 10 to 13 June 2004: Ireland-European Union*

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 30 March 2004, after the Preparatory Committee meeting at 3 p.m., in the
Neuer Saal.