
Chairmanship: Finland**701st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 February 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 10.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Release of prisoners in Uzbekistan:* Slovenia-European Union, Uzbekistan

(b) *The Transatlantic Economy 2008:* United States of America (PC.DEL/120/08)

(c) *The death penalty in Belarus:* Slovenia-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 Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/119/08), Belarus

(d) *Request for a special meeting of the Permanent Council to be held on 19 February 2008:* Serbia (PC.DEL/122/08 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

(a) *Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/32/08):* Chairperson

(b) *Selection process for the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights:* Chairperson (CIO.INF/9/08 Restr.)

- (c) *The procedures for appointment and extension of the OSCE heads and deputy heads of missions (CIO.GAL/33/08 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/31/08 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (b) *Financial situation in the OSCE:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/31/08 OSCE+)
- (c) *Action Plan for 2008 of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/31/08 OSCE+)
- (d) *Sixteenth Economic and Environmental Forum:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/31/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Italy, to be held on 13 and 14 April 2008:* Italy (PC.DEL/121/08)
- (b) *Regional elections in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Găgăuzia (Gagauz Yeri), Moldova, to be held on 16 March 2008:* Moldova
- (c) *Decision of the Belgian judiciary with regard to a case against members of the DHKP-C in the context of the fight against terrorism:* Turkey (PC.DEL/123/08), Belgium (PC.DEL/124/08 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 19 February 2008, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal