
Norwegian Chairmanship

256th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 4 November 1999

Opened: 10.20 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.
Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn
Mr. H. Ystgaard

H.E. Ryozo Kato, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, addressed the meeting (PC.DEL/595/99).

Chairman, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/578/99), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/586/99), Albania, Turkmenistan, Canada, Belarus

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the ODIHR (ODIHR.GAL/47/99) (ODIHR.GAL/48/99)
(ODIHR.GAL/49/99) (ODIHR.INF/31/99), Kazakhstan, Canada, Switzerland,
Ukraine (PC.DEL/585/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of
Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland,
Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic)
(PC.DEL/580/99), Estonia, United States of America (PC.DEL/589/99),
Georgia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan

Agenda item 2: CHAIRMAN OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY
ASSEMBLY AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON BELARUS
AND HEAD OF THE OSCE ADVISORY AND
MONITORING GROUP IN BELARUS

Chairman, Chairman of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly ad hoc Working
Group on Belarus, Head of the OSCE Advisory and Monitoring Group in
Belarus (SEC.DEL/314/99), Belarus, Finland-European Union (also on behalf
of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland,

Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic)
(PC.DEL/582/99), Switzerland, Lithuania, United States of America
(PC.DEL/587/99), Russian Federation, Canada

Agenda item 3: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA
AND MONTENEGRO)

Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/583/99), United States of America
(PC.DEL/590/99)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in northern Caucasus*: Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/581/99), Chairman, Switzerland, Canada (PC.DEL/594/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/588/99), Estonia, Russian Federation
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Croatia*: Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/584/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/593/99), Croatia

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

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Malta, Japan, Chairman
- (b) *Organizational matters regarding a Special Meeting of the Permanent Council on 5 November 1999*: Chairman
- (c) *Organizational matters regarding the informal meeting on the Istanbul Summit Declaration*: Chairman (SUM.GAL/1/99 Restr.)

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 5 November 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal