
Austrian Chairmanship

278th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 6 April 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.
Suspended: 12.15 p.m. *
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.
Closed: 4.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE FOR CENTRAL ASIA

Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Central Asia,
United States of America (PC.DEL/235/00), Portugal-European Union (also
on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta,
Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and
Turkey) (PC.DEL/229/00), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/232/00), Switzerland,
Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/228/00), Turkmenistan
(PC.DEL/234/00), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXPANSION OF THE BORDER
OBSERVATION OPERATION OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
GEORGIA (none adopted)

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Portugal-European Union (PC.DEL/233/00),
United States of America (PC.DEL/236/00), Georgia, Turkey, Moldova,
Norway, Canada

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on 13 April 2000, at 5 p.m., adopted a decision to recommend to the OSCE Ministerial Council to extend the mandate of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights for a period of three years as of 27 April 2000, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

Russian Federation

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ruling of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine on all-Ukrainian Referendum:* Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/230/00), Poland
- (b) *Situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation:* United States of America, Canada, Portugal-European Union
- (c) *Abolition of the death penalty in Albania:* Albania, Portugal-European Union, Switzerland
- (d) *Withdrawal of Russian troops and equipment from the Republic of Moldova:* Moldova

Agenda item 5: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA
AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairperson, United States of America, Norway, Armenia

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

OSCE Troika Meeting of the Foreign Ministers held in Vienna on 31 March 2000:
Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Date and venue of the Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council:*
France, Belgium, Turkey, Chairperson
- (b) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson, Belarus

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 18 April 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal

ENDNOTE

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At 12.15 p.m. the meeting was suspended and, in accordance with paragraph 49 of the Charter for European Security, the Chairperson of the Contact Group reported to the Permanent Council on the progress of co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation. The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation were invited to participate.

Chairperson of the Contact Group (PC.DEL/231/00), France, United States of America, Morocco, Russian Federation, Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey), Malta, Turkey, Switzerland, Greece, Chairperson

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**DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
THE ODIHR, SUBJECT TO A SILENCE PROCEDURE EXPIRING ON
THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2000, AT 5 P.M.**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the Ministerial Council at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Further recalling that the term of office of the current Director, Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann, expires on 26 April 2000,

Underlining the important contribution of Ambassador Stoudmann to the work of the OSCE and to developing the activities of the ODIHR,

Recommends to the Ministerial Council that it extend the mandate of Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann as Director of the ODIHR for a period of three years with effect from 27 April 2000.