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**Slovenian Chairmanship****559th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 16 June 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.20 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.35 p.m.  
Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič  
Ms. B. Kepic

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, by a letter issued on 10 June 2005 (see Annex 1 to the Journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of the Ministerial Council decision on the appointment of the OSCE Secretary General (see MC.DEC/1/05, the text of which is appended to the Journal).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL CO-ORDINATOR OF THE STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE, DR. ERHARD BUSEK

Chairperson, Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (PC.DEL/567/05), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/583/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/597/05), Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Moldova (PC.DEL/606/05), Switzerland, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/591/05 OSCE+), Albania, Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/594/05)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Moldova, held on 6 March 2005:*  
Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and

Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment)  
(PC.DEL/588/05), Moldova (PC.DEL/579/05)

- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Tajikistan, held on 27 February and 13 March 2005, and the cases of Mr. Iskandarov and Mr. Fayziyev:*  
Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/585/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/599/05), Tajikistan
- (c) *Return of four Uzbek refugees from Kyrgyzstan on 9 June 2005:*  
Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/584/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/598/05), Norway, Chairperson, Kyrgyzstan
- (d) *International inquiry into the recent events in Andijan, Uzbekistan:*  
Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/587/05), Norway, Uzbekistan
- (e) *Incident in South Ossetia, Georgia, on 29 May 2005:* Georgia (PC.DEL/590/05 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/604/05)
- (f) *Parliamentary elections in Nagorno-Karabakh, to be held on 19 June 2005:*  
Azerbaijan, Armenia
- (g) *Appeal for short-term election observers for the parliamentary elections in Albania on 3 July 2005 and the presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan on 10 July 2005:* Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Baku (PC.FR/12/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/586/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/600/05), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/605/05), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON ENHANCEMENT OF THE OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Subcommittee, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends of the Chair on Enhancement of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension (Netherlands), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/592/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/601/05),

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/607/05 OSCE+), Belarus, Turkey, Canada,  
Armenia

Agenda item 5:           DECISION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A  
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF ACTS OF  
NUCLEAR TERRORISM

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 678 (PC.DEC/678), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a recommendation to adopt a ministerial statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

United States of America (interpretive statement, see attachment to the decision) (PC.DEL/602/05), Holy See (Annex 2)

Agenda item 6:           DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL  
MODALITIES OF THE 2005 MEDITERRANEAN  
SEMINAR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 679 (PC.DEC/679), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2005 Mediterranean Seminar.

Morocco (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 7:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 680 (PC.DEC/680), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Agenda item 8:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 681 (PC.DEC/681), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 9:           DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
                                  THE OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 682 (PC.DEC/682), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje.

Agenda item 10:         REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of the two written reports on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/83/05) (CIO.GAL/88/05):* Chairperson

Agenda item 11:         REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:*  
Representative of the Secretary General

Agenda item 12:         ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)     *Release of the United States Department of State's 2005 Trafficking in Persons Report: United States of America (PC.DEL/603/05)*
- (b)     *Announcement of the distribution of documents related to the special session of the Parliament of Moldova on 10 June 2005: Moldova (PC.DEL/596/05)*
- (c)     *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, to be held in November 2005: Azerbaijan*

4.     Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 June 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE**

Ljubljana, 10 June 2005

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as a Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, I have the honour of informing you that the silence procedure for the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE Secretary General, expiring on 10 June 2005 at 12 noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the Journal of the Thirteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the Journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 16 June 2005.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to make an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under Paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations (1973) are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Dimitrij Rupel

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of  
the OSCE participating States



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE HOLY SEE**

Mr. Chairman,

Protecting society against acts of nuclear terrorism is a new global-scale challenge facing today the international community. The potential for biological, chemical or nuclear terrorism has greatly increased and new reports indicate the clearly expressed desire of terrorists to acquire weapons of mass destruction. The challenges have been greatly compounded by the world's failure to reduce and eliminate some of the 35,000 nuclear weapons which remain in the arsenal of the nuclear powers today.

The statement of the Ministerial Council of the OSCE on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism is an important political message which, we hope, can contribute also to strengthen the credibility of multilateral approaches to resolving conflicts and threats to international security.

No one is in any doubt that the fight against terrorism means, first and foremost, neutralizing its active breeding-grounds. But the underlying causes are many and complex: political, social, cultural, religious; for this reason, what is still more important is a long-term action, directed at its roots, designed to stop it from spreading further and to extinguish its deadly contagious effects. The Holy See, in conformity with its nature and mission and according to the proper possibilities, is actively involved in this work through its educational and charitable institutions and through inter-religious dialogue.

In this context my delegation would like to recall that the Holy See's participation in the activity of the OSCE is specific and corresponds to its nature as recognized by the Chairman's statement adopted by consensus on 8 July 1992 on the occasion of the last plenary session of the CSCE meeting in Helsinki: "Taking into account the aide-mémoire of the Holy See dated 2 June 1992, circulated by the Chairman-in-Office to all the members of the Council of Ministers (CSCE Communication No. 193 of 5 June 1992), it is understood that, without prejudice either to the full participation of the Holy See in the CSCE or to its resulting rights and obligations, the form of its contribution to the activities of the Conference will be in keeping with its specific nature as a sovereign subject of international law. For this reason, this form of contribution should not be regarded as constituting a precedent." (cf. CSCE Helsinki Follow-up Meeting 1992, Journal No. 50, 6. Chairman's Statement, pg. 2).

We would like to request that this statement be attached to the Journal of today's meeting.