
Belgian Chairmanship**600th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 23 March 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/5/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/269/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/260/06 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/259/06), Norway (PC.DEL/275/06 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/263/06 OSCE+), Armenia, Georgia (PC.DEL/274/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Freedom of the media in Turkmenistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/262/06), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/272/06/Rev.1 OSCE+)

(b) *Closure of the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Uzbekistan:* Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/271/06), United States of America

(PC.DEL/261/06), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/264/06 OSCE+), Uzbekistan

- (c) *Presidential elections in Belarus, held on 19 March 2006*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/270/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/273/06 OSCE+), Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/276/06), Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/268/06), Canada (PC.DEL/267/06 OSCE+), Belarus
- (d) *Trans-border movement of goods in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova*: Moldova, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Austria-European Union, Chairperson, Armenia

Agenda item 3: 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/43/06)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Central Asia from 26 March to 1 April 2006*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Joint OSCE-UNODC Expert Workshop on Enhancing Legal Co-operation in Criminal Matters, in Particular those Related to Terrorism, to be held in Vienna on 23 and 24 March 2006*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/54/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic, to be held in Bangkok on 25 and 26 April 2006*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/54/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic, to be held in Bangkok on 25 and 26 April 2006: Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson, Slovenia (Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia)

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 27 March 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal