
Netherlands Chairmanship

488th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 18 December 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Ms. R. Bus

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Human rights situation in Turkmenistan*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1476/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1482/03), Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (b) *Visa regime between the Russian Federation and the Autonomous Republic of Ajara, Georgia*: Georgia, Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1477/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1484/03), Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (c) *Elections assistance to Georgia*: Turkey (PC.DEL/1475/03), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Secretary General (SEC.GAL/228/03 Restr.)
- (d) *Food aid to Georgia*: Turkey (PC.DEL/1475/03)
- (e) *Agreement on mutual support of national minorities in the field of education and culture signed between Hungary and Slovakia on 12 December 2003*: Slovakia (PC.DEL/1481/03 Restr.), Hungary (PC.DEL/1483/03), Italy-European Union (PC.DEL/1480/03), Romania

(f) *Situation of Second World War veterans in Latvia: Russian Federation*

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia (PC.FR/38/03 Restr.), Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Croatia, Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1479/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1486/03), Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia (PC.DEL/1472/03), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Head of the OSCE Office in Baku (PC.FR/39/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1478/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1485/03), Russian Federation, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1473/03), Turkey, Norway, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE 2004 OSCE-JAPAN CONFERENCE ON THE SEARCH FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION IN THE NEW SECURITY CIRCUMSTANCES – EUROPEAN SECURITY MECHANISMS AND SECURITY IN ASIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 577 (PC.DEC/577), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2004 OSCE-Japan Conference on the Search for Conflict Prevention in the New Security Circumstances – European Security Mechanisms and Security in Asia.

Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Portugal (Chair of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 578 (PC.DEC/578), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 579 (PC.DEC/579), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Almaty.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 580 (PC.DEC/580), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 581 (PC.DEC/581), 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 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 582 (PC.DEC/582), 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: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 583 (PC.DEC/583), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Agenda item 11: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 588 (PC.DEC/588), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania.

Albania

Agenda item 17: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office:* Chairperson

Agenda item 18: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) *Centre for OSCE Research, University of Hamburg:* Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/228/03 Restr.)

(b) *Co-operation with the International Civil Aviation Organization:*
Secretary General

Agenda item 19: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson

(b) *Publication by the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the
Media:* Chairperson

(c) *Hand-over of the Chairmanship:* Chairperson, Bulgaria

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 19 December 2003, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal