
Netherlands Chairmanship**479th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 27 November 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.55 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Croatia, held on 23 November 2003:* 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/1430/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1435/03), Serbia and Montenegro, Russian Federation, Croatia (PC.DEL/1422/03)
- (b) *Minority situation in Latvia:* Latvia (PC.DEL/1434/03), Russian Federation, Italy-European Union
- (c) *Situation in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova:* Moldova (PC.DEL/1423/03), 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/1429/03), Romania (PC.DEL/1428/03), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/1426/03), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1438/03), Norway, Turkey (PC.DEL/1424/03), Chairperson
- (d) *Situation in 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/1431/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1427/03), Ukraine, Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/1432/03), Japan

(Partner for Co-operation), Norway, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1437/03), Armenia, Germany (PC.DEL/1439/03), Georgia, Chairperson

- (e) *Case of trafficking in human beings in Montenegro*: Chairperson
- (f) *Human rights situation in Turkmenistan*: Turkmenistan, United States of America, Italy-European Union

Agenda item 2: PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 565 (PC.DEC/565), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE ACTION PLAN ON IMPROVING THE SITUATION OF ROMA AND SINTI WITHIN THE OSCE AREA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 566 (PC.DEC/566), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti within the OSCE Area.

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

Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/105/03): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Security issues*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/214/03 Restr.), Turkey
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 25 November 2003*: Secretary General
- (c) *Developments in Georgia*: Secretary General
- (d) *First joint European Union/NATO crisis management exercise*: Secretary General

- (e) *Activities of the Action against Terrorism Unit: Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Dutch voluntary contribution to police activities in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- (b) *OSCE/Japan Conference, to be held in Tokyo in March 2004: Chairperson, Japan (Partner for Co-operation)*
- (c) *Meeting of non-governmental organizations, to be held in Maastricht: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced