
Bulgarian Chairmanship**518th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 22 July 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.50 p.m.
Resumed: 4.55 p.m.
Closed: 5.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the OSCE, Ambassador Zeinep Shaimergenova.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, MR. WALTER SCHWIMMER

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/677/04), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/685/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/680/04), Norway (PC.DEL/681/04), Switzerland, Iceland (PC.DEL/695/04), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/682/04), Russian Federation, Armenia, Belarus, Secretary General

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/2/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/688/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/693/04), Ukraine, Serbia and Montenegro, Russian Federation, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Latvia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/684/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/687/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/697/04), Georgia (SEC.DEL/148/04), Chairperson
- (b) *Non-extension of the presence of Ambassador Badescu, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/690/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/699/04), Canada (also on behalf of Norway and Switzerland), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/679/04 Restr.), Chairperson
- (c) *Election observation in Ukraine*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/691/04), Canada, Norway, Ukraine
- (d) *Requests by Tajikistan for assistance under PC.DEC/535 and FSC.DEC/15/02, and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition*: Tajikistan, Armenia

Agenda item 4: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE AUDIT REPORT ON THE 2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Chairperson, External Auditor, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/686/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/692/04), Russian Federation, Secretary General

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

- (a) *Participation of the Chairman-in-Office in the thematic debate at the United Nations Security Council on United Nations co-operation with regional organizations in stabilization processes on 20 July 2004*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to the United States of America on 21 and 22 July 2004*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General:
Chairperson

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Ukraine, Poland, Italy (PC.DEL/698/04
Restr.)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 July 2004, at 3.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal