
Belgian Chairmanship**589th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 January 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the OSCE, Mr. Esen Aydogdyev.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/3/06 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; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/42/06), Norway (PC.DEL/45/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/57/06 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/53/06), Canada (PC.DEL/49/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/46/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/54/06), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), Armenia, Belarus (PC.DEL/50/06)

Prior to taking up the next item on the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences on the death of Kosovo's Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG) President Ibrahim Rugova.

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Law on non-governmental organizations in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/55/06), 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/43/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/58/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *Religious tolerance in Norway:* Norway (PC.DEL/44/06), Turkey (PC.DEL/48/06)
- (c) *Supreme Court trials in Uzbekistan concerning the events in Andijon, Uzbekistan, on 12 and 13 May 2005:* Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/47/06)
- (d) *Final report of Morocco's Equity and Reconciliation Commission:* Morocco (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/41/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (e) *Freedom of expression in Turkey:* United States of America (PC.DEL/56/06), Turkey

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 719 (PC.DEC/719), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Chairperson (see Annex), Belarus (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 4: 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/7/06): Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/12/06 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meetings in 2006*: Chairperson
- (b) *Ceremony to mark the Holocaust Remembrance Day, to be held in Brussels, on 27 January 2006*: Chairperson
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Hungary, to be held on 9 and 23 April 2006*: Hungary (PC.DEL/52/06)
- (d) *Belarusian initiative to form a global partnership against slavery and trafficking in human beings in the twenty-first century (SEC.DEL/19/06)*: Belarus (PC.DEL/51/06)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 February 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

With the adoption of the decision on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in 2006, I should like to make the following statement, which will be attached to the journal of the day.

Taking into account consultations prior to the adoption of this Decision, the Chairmanship would like to recall Ministerial Decision No. 17/05 on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE, adopted at the Ministerial Council in Ljubljana on 6 December 2005, which, among other things, tasks the Permanent Council with considering ways to improve the planning and efficiency of OSCE conferences.

The Chairmanship considers this task to also include deliberations on the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in order to increase its effectiveness and its capacity to ensure follow-up of the commitments of participating States.

It is our understanding that this question should form an integral part of the report, which is to be presented to the Ministerial Council in 2006.