
Bulgarian Chairmanship

504th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 22 April 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BY MR. LUCIUS CAFLISCH, MEMBER OF THE BUREAU OF THE COURT

Chairperson, Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/281/04), Armenia, Switzerland, Holy See (PC.DEL/289/04), Liechtenstein, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Albania, France

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Role of the media in the events in Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, in March 2004:* Chairperson, Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/5/04/Rev.1 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/285/04), Albania, Norway, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Canada, Serbia and Montenegro

(b) *Events of 13 April 2004 in Armenia:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/282/04), United States

of America (PC.DEL/287/04), Canada, Russian Federation, Armenia,
Chairperson

- (c) *Death penalty in Belarus*: Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/283/04), Belarus
- (d) *Mayoral election in Mukachevo, Ukraine, on 18 April 2004*: United States of America (PC.DEL/288/04), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/286/04), Canada, Ukraine
- (e) *Opening of European Union accession negotiations with Croatia*: Bosnia and Herzegovina (also on behalf of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/284/04), Croatia (PC.DEL/280/04)
- (f) *Minority situation in Latvia*: Russian Federation, Latvia (PC.DEL/290/04)
- (g) *Summit of the South-East European Cooperation Process, held in Sarajevo on 21 April 2004*: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER
 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE
 MEETING ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RACIST,
 XENOPHOBIC AND ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA ON
 THE INTERNET AND HATE CRIMES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 606 (PC.DEC/606), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the OSCE Meeting on the Relationship between Racist, Xenophobic and Anti-Semitic Propaganda on the Internet and Hate Crimes.

France

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 607 (PC.DEC/607), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on combating anti-Semitism.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR THE FSC CHAIRMANSHIP

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 608 (PC.DEC/608), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2004 supplementary budget for the FSC Chairmanship.

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Central Asia and Afghanistan (CIO.GAL/34/04):
Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Regional Heads of Mission Meeting, held in Sofia on 14 April 2004:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/97/04 Restr.)
- (b) *Annual Meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, held in London on 19 April 2004:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Ministerial conference on education, held in Tashkent on 5 April 2004:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Visit of the Secretariat team to Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, from 5 to 7 April 2004:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *OSCE-G8 counter-terrorism activities:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Workshop of the United Nations University and the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, to be held in Vienna on 26 April 2004:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (g) *Publication of the OSCE Annual Report for 2003:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (h) *Security issues:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (i) *Vacancy notices:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential and European Parliament elections in Lithuania, to be held on 13 June 2004:* Lithuania
- (b) *Organizational matters related to the OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism, to be held in Berlin on 28 and 29 April 2004:* Chairperson

- (c) *Candidates for the Panel of Adjudicators*: Chairperson
- (d) *Ministerial Conference on Peace Consolidation and Economic Development of the Western Balkans, held in Japan on 5 April 2004*: Japan (Partner for Co-operation)
- (e) *Presidential elections in Serbia, to be held on 13 June 2004*: Serbia and Montenegro

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 May 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal