

Belgian Chairmanship

629th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 19 October 2006

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Representatives of the Audit Committee, Finland-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/946/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/935/06 OSCE+), Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON RENAMING THE OSCE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 743 (PC.DEC/743), the text of which is appended to this journal, on renaming the OSCE Economic Forum.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON A REVISION OF PERMANENT COUNCIL DECISION NO. 735 OF 6 JULY 2006 ON THE THEME, FORMAT AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE FIFTEENTH ECONOMIC FORUM TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 735/Rev.1 (PC.DEC/735/Rev.1), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the theme, format and organizational modalities for the Fifteenth Economic and Environmental Forum (revision of Permanent Council Decision No. 735 of 6 July 2006 on the theme, format and organizational modalities for the Fifteenth Economic Forum to reflect the change of name of the Economic Forum).

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Murder of Russian journalist Ms. A. Politkovskaya on 7 October 2006:* Finland-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, Montenegro and Serbia; 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/944/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/940/06), Canada (PC.DEL/931/06/Rev.1), Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/943/06 OSCE+), Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- (b) *Recent election-related developments in the OSCE area:* United States of America (PC.DEL/936/06)
- (c) *Announcement of a nuclear weapon test by North Korea:* United States of America (PC.DEL/938/06), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation), Armenia, Ukraine (PC.DEL/949/06), Chairperson
- (d) *Expert meeting of representatives of election authorities on the occasion of the parliamentary elections in Austria on 1 October 2006:* Belarus (PC.DEL/948/06 OSCE+)
- (e) *Recent developments in relations between Georgia and the Russian Federation:* Georgia (PC.DEL/933/06/Corr.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/950/06 OSCE+), Finland-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/939/06), Chairperson
- (f) *Decree of the President of Turkmenistan on an amnesty for convicts:* Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/942/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/170/06 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, in alignment)

(PC.DEL/945/06), Russian Federation, Norway (PC.DEL/941/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/937/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Azerbaijan, Belarus (PC.DEL/947/06 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 6: 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/175/06 Restr.):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Joint OSCE - Council of Europe Expert Workshop on Preventing Terrorism:
Fighting Incitement and Related Terrorist Activities, to be held in Vienna on
19 and 20 October 2006:* Secretary General
- (b) *Joint OSCE - UNODC Expert Workshop on Combating the Threat of Illicit
Drugs in the OSCE Area, to be held in Vienna on 24 and 25 October 2006:*
Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of
Nuclear Terrorism by the Russian Federation:* Russian Federation
- (b) *Conference on the fight against organized crime and terrorism, held in
Karadjordjevo, Serbia, on 16 and 17 October:* Serbia
- (c) *Working visit of representatives of OSCE Partners for Co-operation to
Slovenia on 16 and 17 October:* Slovenia (PC.DEL/932/06 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal