580th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 17 November 2005

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 1.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič
Ms. B. Kepic

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION, ALSO FOCUSING ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS; ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM; AND ON COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MUSLIMS

Chairperson; Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism (CIO.GAL/164/05); Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (CIO.GAL/164/05); Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions (CIO.GAL/164/05/Add.1); United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1182/05); Norway (PC.DEL/1186/05); United States of America (PC.DEL/1169/05); Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1167/05 Restr.); Kazakhstan; Holy See;
Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1168/05); Armenia; Egypt (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation); Denmark

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) Pre-election preparations for the presidential elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 4 December 2005: Kazakhstan, United States of America (PC.DEL/1170/05/Corr.1), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1181/05), Norway (PC.DEL/1173/05)

(b) Freedom of the media in Belarus: United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1179/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/1174/05), Belarus

(c) Verdicts of the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan in the trial concerning the events in Andijon, Uzbekistan, on 12 and 13 May 2005: United States of America (PC.DEL/1171/05), United Kingdom-European Union (PC.DEL/1183/05), Canada (PC.DEL/1176/05), Norway, Uzbekistan

(d) Recent disturbances in France: France (PC.DEL/1166/05 OSCE+)

(e) Report of the ODIHR’s needs assessment mission for the constitutional referendum in Armenia: Armenia

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia (PC.FR/24/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate country Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1180/05), United States of America, Canada (PC.DEL/1177/05 OSCE+), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/1178/05), Albania, Croatia
Agenda item 4: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 692 (PC.DEC/692), the text of which is appended to this journal, on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 693 (PC.DEC/693), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Serbia and Montenegro (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 694 (PC.DEC/694), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 695 (PC.DEC/695), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 696 (PC.DEC/696), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro.
Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 697 (PC.DEC/697), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje.

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 698 (PC.DEC/698), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 11: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 699 (PC.DEC/699), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Agenda item 12: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 700 (PC.DEC/700), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Agenda item 13: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 701 (PC.DEC/701), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku.
Agenda item 14: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 702 (PC.DEC/702), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Almaty.

Agenda item 15: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 703 (PC.DEC/703), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.

Agenda item 16: 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/170/05): Chairperson

Agenda item 17: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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

Agenda item 18: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Presidential elections in Portugal, to be held on 22 January 2006: Portugal (PC.DEL/1172/05)

(b) Correction of the statement by the United States of America in the Permanent Council on 4 October 2005 regarding the voting record of the Belarusian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly: United States of America

(c) Offer by Romania to host a high-level OSCE conference on anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance in 2007: Romania

(d) Co-operation of Romania and Ukraine with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities: Ukraine (also on behalf of Romania)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 November 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal