

Romanian Chairmanship

329th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 29 March 2001

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.35 p.m.
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota
Ms. V. Epure

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF
MACEDONIA

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/206/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/198/01), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Norway (PC.DEL/205/01), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/203/01), United States of America (PC.DEL/211/01), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/202/01), Ukraine (PC.DEL/208/01), Albania, Greece, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Yugoslavia, Croatia, Chairman

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Belarus:* United States of America, Sweden-European Union, Belarus, Chairman

(b) *Common strategy of the European Union on Ukraine adopted on 15 March 2001:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/210/01)

- (c) *Abolition of the death penalty*: Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/199/01), Switzerland, Norway, United States of America
- (d) *Situation in the northern Caucasus*: Chairman, Canada, United States of America, Ukraine, Sweden-European Union, Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Return of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya: Secretary General, Chairman

Agenda item 4: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/12/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/200/01), Canada, Uzbekistan (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, United States of America, Norway, Georgia (PC.DEL/207/01), Chairman

Agenda item 5: OSCE MISSION TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (PC.FR/13/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/201/01), Russian Federation, Ukraine (PC.DEL/209/01), Switzerland, Canada, Albania, United States of America, Norway, Yugoslavia, Chairman

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 406 (PC.DEC/406), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Russian Federation

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2001 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR: “ELECTION PROCESSES” (WARSAW, 29-31 MAY 2001)

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 407 (PC.DEC/407), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2001 Human Dimension Seminar: “Election Processes” (Warsaw, 29-31 May 2001).

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office and the High Commissioner on National Minorities in Bucharest on 27 March 2001:* Chairman
- (b) *Address of the Chairman-in-Office to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva on 29 March 2001:* Chairman

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Mission staffing issues:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Turkey
- (b) *Election preparations in Kosovo:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *REACT implementation:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *OSCE legal capacity:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *OSCE-Korea Conference 2001: “Applicability of OSCE CSBMs in North-East Asia” held in Seoul from 19 to 21 March 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *OSCE-NATO staff meeting in Vienna on 28 March 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (g) *Roundtable on CSBMs held in Belgrade on 27 and 28 March 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Draft decision on a scale for large OSCE mission and projects:* Chairman
- (b) *Ministerial conference on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, to be held in Geneva on 12 December 2001:* Switzerland

(c) *Voluntary contributions to the OSCE: Canada, Chairman*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 30 March 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal