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**Norwegian Chairmanship**

## 230th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue\*

1. Date: Thursday, 20 May 1999

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide  
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY  
ASSEMBLY

President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/3/99), Chairman, Canada, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/251/99), Belarus, Poland, Switzerland, United States of America, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan), Secretary General

Agenda item 2: OSCE LIAISON OFFICE IN CENTRAL ASIA

Head of the OSCE Liaison Office in Central Asia, Chairman, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/252/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/253/99), Turkey, Russian Federation, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Agenda item 3: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/13/99 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/258/99), Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the

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\* Incorporates amendment regarding agenda item 1.

Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/254/99),  
Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation, Albania

Agenda item 4:           DECISION TO RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTERIAL  
                                  COUNCIL THAT IT APPOINT AMBASSADOR JÁN KUBIŠ  
                                  AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OSCE

Chairman

**Decision:** The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on 31 May 1999, at 5 p.m., adopted a decision to recommend to the Ministerial Council that it appoint Ambassador Ján Kubiš as Secretary General of the OSCE, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

Agenda item 5:           CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA  
                                  AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairman, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/250/99) (PC.DEL/255/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/260/99), Belarus

Agenda item 6:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Time-frame of the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Gender Issues: Turkey*
- (b) *Informal meeting of the Presidents of Central European countries: Ukraine*
- (c) *Situation in Belarus: United States of America (PC.DEL/259/99), Chairman (CIO.GAL/50/99), Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/256/99), Belarus*
- (d) *Presidential elections in the Slovak Republic: Chairman, Slovak Republic*
- (e) *Meeting of the Prime Ministers of the Visegrád countries: Slovak Republic (SEC.DEL/197/99)*
- (f) *Amnesty resolution by the Tajik Parliament: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/261/99), Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/257/99), United States of America*
- (g) *Visit of the Director of the ODIHR to Uzbekistan: Uzbekistan*

Agenda item 7:       REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                          CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Covered under previous agenda items.

Agenda item 8:       REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 9:       ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4.   Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 June 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

**230th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION TO RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL THAT IT  
APPOINT AMBASSADOR JÁN KUBIŠ AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OSCE**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decisions of the Ministerial Council at its third meeting in Stockholm in 1992 concerning the appointment of a Secretary General and his mandate,

Further recalling that the term of office of the current Secretary General expires on 14 June 1999, and that Ambassador Giancarlo Aragona does not seek re-appointment,

Expressing its gratitude to the outgoing Secretary General for his invaluable contributions to strengthening the OSCE and to developing its activities and for his dedication and integrity in the discharge of his duties,

- Recommends to the Ministerial Council that it appoint Ambassador Ján Kubiš as Secretary General of the OSCE for a period of three years with effect from 15 June 1999.