
Norwegian Chairmanship**215th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 18 March 1999

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide

H.E. Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the meeting (PC.DEL/101/99).

Chairman, Turkey, Malta (PC.DEL/105/99), Germany-European Union, Switzerland, Azerbaijan

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/1/99), Chairman, Canada, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/102/99), United States of America, Russian Federation, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine (also on behalf of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldova) (PC.DEL/107/99 Restr.), Armenia, Georgia, Latvia, Estonia

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO UKRAINE

Head of the OSCE Mission to Ukraine, Ukraine (PC.DEL/108/99 Restr.), Chairman, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic), Switzerland, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/113/99 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/110/99), Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON A REVIEW CONFERENCE PRECEDING

THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT
IN ISTANBUL

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 289 (PC.DEC/289), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a Review Conference preceding the Meeting of Heads of State or Government in Istanbul.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON A PREPARATORY MEETING PRECEDING
THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT
IN ISTANBUL

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 290 (PC.DEC/290), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a Preparatory Meeting preceding the Meeting of Heads of State or Government in Istanbul.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE STRATEGY ON
CAPACITY-BUILDING THROUGH TRAINING FOR THE
OSCE

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 291 (PC.DEC/291), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Strategy on Capacity-Building through Training for the OSCE.

Secretary General, Canada, United States of America, 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/104/99), Switzerland, Armenia

Agenda item 6: 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/106/99), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/111/99), Albania, Russian Federation

Agenda item 7: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *OSCE principal organs and special institutions:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/99/99 Restr.), Ukraine

- (b) *NATO enlargement*: Ukraine (also on behalf of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldova) (PC.DEL/112/99), Russian Federation, Belarus, United States of America, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Chairman
- (c) *Publication on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the OSCE*: Netherlands (PC.DEL/109/99 Restr.)
- (d) *Internet regulation in Uzbekistan*: United States of America

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

- (a) *Report of the European Union forensic expert team*: Chairman (PC.DEL/100/99 Restr.) (SEC.INF/113/99)
- (b) *Chairman-in-Office condemns terrorist attacks in Kosovo*: Chairman (SEC.INF/111/99)
- (c) *Chairman-in-Office statement on Belarus*: Chairman (SEC.INF/110/99)
- (d) *Informal open-ended meeting on Central Asia*: Chairman

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Secretary General's visit to Canada: Secretary General

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Finland*: Finland
- (b) *Organizational matters*: Estonia
- (c) *Matters of protocol*: United Kingdom, Slovak Republic, Secretary General, Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 March 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal