
Slovenian Chairmanship**576th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 November 2005

Opened: 10.35 a.m.
Suspended: 1.20 p.m.
Resumed: 3.35 p.m.
Closed: 4.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL,
H.E. JAAP DE HOOP SCHEFFER

Chairperson, NATO Secretary General, 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; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1087/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/1086/05), Russian Federation, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Norway (PC.DEL/1090/05), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1100/05 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1104/05 OSCE+), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/1095/05), Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/1091/05)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
NATIONAL MINORITIES

Chairperson, High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/4/05 OSCE+), 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 and the former Yugoslav Republic

of Macedonia; 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/1088/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/1097/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1089/05 Restr.), Kazakhstan, Armenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1101/05 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1103/05 OSCE+), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/1094/05), Romania, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/1092/05), Georgia, Latvia

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, to be held on 6 November 2005:* 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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1080/05)
- (b) *Negotiations on a settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Chisinau and Tiraspol, Moldova, on 27 and 28 October 2005:* United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; as well as 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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1083/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/1096/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1082/05 Restr.), Moldova (PC.DEL/1081/05), Ukraine, Chairperson
- (c) *The cases of Ms. E. Urlaeva and Mr. S. Umarov in Uzbekistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1098/05), 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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1084/05), Switzerland, Uzbekistan
- (d) *The case of the NGO Partnership in Belarus:* United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; as well as 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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1085/05), Belarus

Agenda item 4: OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, 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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1102/05), Russian Federation, Canada (PC.DEL/1105/05 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1099/05), Ukraine

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2005 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 691 (PC.DEC/691), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the 2005 Unified Budget revision.

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office: Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairmanship of the OSCE in 2009: Kazakhstan (Annex)

4. Next meeting:

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



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KAZAKHSTAN

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

I am instructed to draw your attention to and correct some reported versions of the remarks made by the Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, Kassymzhomart Tokaev, at the *Mazhilis* — the lower chamber of Parliament — on 31 October, which might be interpreted by some in a way that distorts his words.

I would like to stress the fact that, neither in his introductory speech nor during a question-and-answer session with Kazakhstan members of parliament did the Minister mention a change in the timing of my country's bid to assume the office of the OSCE Chairmanship. Therefore, I confirm that Kazakhstan's bid for the Chairmanship in 2009 remains valid and intact.

I would once again like to assure my distinguished colleagues and partners that my delegation, as always, remains happy to provide them with all necessary information concerning topics of interest, and to invite them to contact us for clarifications if any are needed.

I kindly ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to include this statement in the journal of this meeting of the Permanent Council.