

Chairmanship: Finland

704th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 6 March 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN ZAGREB

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Zagreb (PC.FR/5/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/180/08), Canada (PC.DEL/194/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/199/08 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/192/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/185/08), Croatia (PC.DEL/197/08)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Presidential elections in the Russian Federation, held on 2 March 2008:* Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/181/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/187/08), Canada (PC.DEL/195/08), Kyrgyzstan, Norway (PC.DEL/189/08), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/198/08 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/201/08 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Armenia following the presidential elections held on 19 February 2008*: Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; 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/182/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/184/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/193/08 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/196/08), Norway (PC.DEL/190/08), Armenia, Chairperson
- (c) *Establishment of the International Steering Group for Kosovo*: Serbia (PC.DEL/191/08), Slovenia-European Union (PC.DEL/179/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/200/08 OSCE+), United States of America (also on behalf of Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/186/08)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/42/08 OSCE+)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Statement by the Chairman-in-Office regarding the ceasefire violation in Nagorno-Karabakh (SEC.PR/85/08)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/48/08 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *2007 Programme Budget Performance Report*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/48/08 OSCE+)
- (c) *Activities of the Strategic Police Matters Unit*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/48/08 OSCE+)
- (d) *The OSCE Partnership Fund*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/48/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Informal meeting on the situation in Armenia following the presidential elections held on 19 February 2008, to be held on 6 March 2008*: Armenia, Chairperson
- (b) *Special meeting of the Permanent Council to be held on 7 March 2008*: Chairperson

- (c) *The current situation in Afghanistan: Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/188/08 OSCE+)*
- (d) *The final meeting of the Regional Table of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and the first meeting of the Regional Co-operation Council, held in Sofia on 27 February 2008: Bulgaria (PC.DEL/183/08)*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 7 March 2008, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal