

Slovenian Chairmanship**543rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 February 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 11.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Georgia on the death of its Prime Minister, H.E. Zurab Zhvania. The Council then observed a minute of silence.

On behalf of the Permanent Council, the Chairperson welcomed Mr. Peter Lizák, the new Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY H.E. GIORGI GOMIASHVILI, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia (PC.DEL/83/05), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/79/05), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Moldova), United States of America (PC.DEL/76/05), Canada, Norway, Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Declaration on the return of refugees signed by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro in Sarajevo on 31 January 2005: Croatia (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro) (PC.DEL/75/05), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/78/05), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/1/05 Restr.),
Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia,
Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/80/05), Georgia (also on behalf
of Azerbaijan and Ukraine), United States of America (PC.DEL/81/05),
Ukraine, Canada, Norway, Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/77/05),
Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 660 (PC.DEC/660),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the topics for the second part
of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE CENTRE IN TASHKENT

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 661 (PC.DEC/661),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate
of the OSCE Centre in Tashkent.

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

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/9/05 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (b) *Appointment of the members of the Panel of Eminent Persons on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/8/05): Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/25/05 Restr.)*
- (b) *Closure of the Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia: Secretary General*
- (c) *Visits of the Director of the CPC to Georgia and the Russian Federation and subsequent briefing to be held in Vienna on 9 February 2005: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Gender imbalance in the composition of the Panel of Eminent Persons on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE: Ireland, Chairperson*
- (b) *Topic and dates of the first 2005 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting, to be held in Vienna on 21 and 22 April 2005: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

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