
Bulgarian Chairmanship**532nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 11 November 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov
Mr. C. Polendakov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND US
CONGRESSMAN, MR. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, United States of America, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1117/04), Norway, Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1124/04 Restr.), Armenia, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Referendum in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 7 November 2004:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1115/04), United States of America, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

(b) *Presidential elections in the United States of America, held on 2 November 2004:* United States of America, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1113/04), Belarus, Russian Federation

- (c) *Meeting of the mediators in the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Varna, Bulgaria, on 8 and 9 November 2004:* United States of America, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1118/04), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1126/04 Restr.), Moldova (PC.DEL/1111/04), Armenia, Chairperson
- (d) *Meeting between the Prime Minister of Georgia and the South Ossetian leader, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, on 5 November 2004:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1116/04), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1123/04 Restr.), Georgia, Chairperson
- (e) *Recent events in the Netherlands:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1125/04), Netherlands (PC.DEL/1109/04)
- (f) *Annual amnesty in Turkmenistan:* Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/1122/04 Restr.)

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/33/04 Restr.), United States of America, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1114/04), Norway, Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1108/04)

Agenda item 4: OSCE OFFICE IN MINSK

Head of the OSCE Office in Minsk (PC.FR/31/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1119/04), United States of America, Russian Federation, Belarus, Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM ON THE INTERNET

Chairperson, Belarus

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 633 (PC.DEC/633), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on promoting tolerance and media freedom on the Internet.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), France, Chairperson

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

- (a) *Second ambassadorial-level meeting on co-operation between the OSCE and the Council of Europe, held in Strasbourg on 5 November 2004:* Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting of the mediators in the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Varna, Bulgaria, on 8 and 9 November 2004:* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Bilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, held in Strasbourg on 5 November 2004:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/256/04 Restr.)
- (b) *First Preparatory Seminar for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum, held in Trieste, Italy, on 8 and 9 November 2004:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Turkey (PC.DEL/1110/04), European Commission, Chairperson
- (b) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson
- (c) *Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (SEC.DEL/271/04 of 10 November 2004):* Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 November 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal