

Belgian Chairmanship

623rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 7 September 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE, Ms. I. van Veldhuizen-Rothenbücher, and the new Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the OSCE, Mr. C. Zhechev.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE
FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, MRS. CARLA DEL PONTE

Chairperson, Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (PC.DEL/827/06), Finland-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 and Montenegro; 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/831/06), Canada (PC.DEL/834/06), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/829/06), Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland (PC.DEL/850/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/842/06), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/847/06), Armenia, Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/25/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Recent developments in the conflict zone in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Georgia (PC.DEL/836/06), Finland-European Union (with the acceding countries

Bulgaria and Romania; 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/832/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/845/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/841/06 OSCE+), Chairperson

- (b) *Return of Uzbek refugees from Kyrgyzstan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/846/06), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/838/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (c) *Human rights situation in Belarus and the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/843/06), Belarus, Chairperson
- (d) *Railway connection between Moldova and Ukraine*: Moldova (PC.DEL/835/06 OSCE+), Ukraine, Chairperson
- (e) *Fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States of America on 11 September 2001*: United States of America (PC.DEL/844/06), Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (f) *Kazakhstan's bid for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2009*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/830/06 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/837/06 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/840/06 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/849/06 OSCE+)

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

Incident in the conflict zone in South Ossetia, Georgia: Chairperson
(CIO.GAL/151/06)

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Bioterrorism International Co-ordination Exercise, held in Montreux, Switzerland, on 7 and 8 September 2006*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/140/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *Caspian Outlook 2008 conference, held in Bled, Slovenia, on 27 and 28 August 2006*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/140/06 OSCE+)
- (c) *Secretariat's senior management retreat, held in Vienna on 5 and 6 September 2006*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/140/06 OSCE+)

- (d) *2006 OSCE Mediterranean Seminar, to be held in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, on 6 and 7 November 2006*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/140/06 OSCE+)
- (e) *Appointments of the Director for Human Resources and the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/140/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Signing of the Helsinki Final Act by Montenegro on 1 September 2006*: Finland (PC.DEL/833/06) (Annex)
- (b) *Local elections in Slovenia, to be held on 22 October 2006*: Slovenia
- (c) *Caspian Outlook 2008 conference, held in Bled, Slovenia, on 27 and 28 August 2006*: Slovenia
- (d) *Local elections in Hungary, to be held on 1 October 2006*: Hungary
- (e) *Local elections in Belgium, to be held on 8 October 2006*: Belgium
- (f) *Deployment of an ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission to the local elections in Georgia, to be held on 5 October 2006 (ODIHR.INF/17/06)*:
Chairperson
- (g) *Visit of the King of the Belgians to the OSCE on 28 September 2006*:
Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 12 September 2006, at 3.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FINLAND

Finland, as the Depository State of the Final Act of the CSCE of 1975, is pleased to inform that the Final Act was signed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanovic in Helsinki on 1 September 2006. The visit of Prime Minister Djukanovic and the signing ceremony were hosted by the Prime Minister of Finland, Mr. Matti Vanhanen. During his visit to Finland, Prime Minister Djukanovic also met with the President of the Republic, Mrs. Tarja Halonen.

The Delegation of Finland has agreed with the Delegation of Montenegro on making this statement today even though the Montenegrin delegation cannot be present at this session of the Permanent Council.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.