

Austrian Chairmanship

296th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 24 August 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

The Chairperson expressed her condolences to the families of the victims of the Kursk submarine accident.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Central Asia*: Chairperson, Secretary General, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/438/00), France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/435/00), Russian Federation, Tajikistan, United States of America
- (b) *Detention of staff members of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo*: Chairperson, Secretary General, France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/434/00), Canada, Russian Federation, Czech Republic, United States of America, United Kingdom
- (c) *Special workshop on "Co-operative Security in Europe and its Relevance for Asia Pacific: The OSCE Experience" (SEC.DEL/221/00)*: Germany
- (d) *Donation to Radio-Television Kosovo*: Germany, Chairperson
- (e) *Information on the run-up to the parliamentary elections by the Central Electoral Commission of Belarus (PC.DEL/437/00)*: Belarus, United States

of America, Russian Federation, France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey),
Chairperson

- (f) *Abolition of the death penalty*: France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and the Czech Republic) (PC/DEL/436/00), United States of America
- (g) *Municipal elections in Kosovo*: United States of America, Chairperson, France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON OSCE-JAPAN CONFERENCE 2000:
 COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY IN CENTRAL ASIA -
 SHARING OSCE AND ASIAN EXPERIENCES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 367 (PC.DEC/367), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the OSCE-Japan Conference 2000: Comprehensive Security in Central Asia - Sharing OSCE and Asian Experiences.

Japan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR
 THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION OF THE OSCE
 MISSION TO GEORGIA FOR THE PERIOD FROM
 16 SEPTEMBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2000

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 368 (PC.DEC/368), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the supplementary budget for the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia for the period from 16 September to 15 November 2000.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES,
 INDICATIVE AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME OF
 THE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING ON HUMAN
 DIMENSION ISSUES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 369 (PC.DEC/369), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the organizational modalities,

indicative agenda and work programme of the Implementation Meeting on Human Dimension issues.

Turkey

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Meeting with Mr. Y.M. Primakov, Chairman of the State Commission for Settlement of the Transdniestrian problem, in Vienna on 26 July 2000:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan from 27 to 30 July 2000:* Chairperson
- (c) *Preparation for the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) Conference in Tashkent:* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting on Central Asia in Bern on 21 August 2000:* Secretary General
- (b) *Visit of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre to Tampere, Finland, on 1 August 2000:* Secretary General
- (c) *Visit of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre to the OSCE Mission to Estonia on 27 and 28 July 2000:* Secretary General
- (d) *Progress on OSCE Online Project:* Secretary General
- (e) *Progress regarding the implementation of Permanent Council Decision No. 364 (PC.DEC/364):* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Georgia Fund to meet costs of withdrawal of Russian troops from Georgia (PC.IFC/80/00):* United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Georgia
- (b) *Elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:* Slovenia, Chairperson, United States of America
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan on 5 November 2000:* Azerbaijan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 August 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 367
OSCE-JAPAN CONFERENCE 2000:
“COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY IN CENTRAL ASIA –
SHARING OSCE AND ASIAN EXPERIENCES”**

(11 and 12 December 2000, Tokyo)

Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Tatuso ARIMA, Representative of the Government of Japan
Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

I. AGENDA AND WORKPLAN

Monday, 11 December 2000

12 noon Registration (and snacks)

1 p.m. Opening Session

Chair: Co-Chairpersons

Opening address by Japanese side

Opening address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, Benita Ferrero-Waldner

1.45- Session 1: Comprehensive and Political Security
3.30 p.m.

Chair: Japanese Co-Chairperson

Rapporteur: To be designated

Topic: Political security, including global issues, in Central Asia
including non-proliferation, OSCE confidence- and security-building
measures, small arms and light weapons, terrorism, drugs, organized
crime, religious extremism

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Speaker(s) to be designated

- Discussion

3.30-4 p.m. Coffee break

4-6 p.m. Session 1 (continued)

Topic: Co-operation in building comprehensive security
both institutional and topical

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Speaker(s) to be designated
- Discussion

6.30-8 p.m. Reception hosted by Japanese Government

Tuesday, 12 December 2000

9-10.30 a.m. Session 2: Human Dimension

Chair: OSCE Co-Chairperson
Rapporteur: To be designated

Topic: Democratic institutions and human rights: achievements in
Central Asia

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Representative of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- Other speaker(s) to be designated
- Discussion

10.30-
11 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m.-
12.30 p.m. Session 2 (continued)

Topic: Democratic institutions and human rights: the way ahead

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Speaker(s) to be designated
- Discussion

12.30-
2 p.m. Lunch

2-3.30 p.m. Session 3: Economic and Environmental Security

Chair: Japanese Co-Chairperson

Rapporteur: To be designated

Topic: Market economy and development in Central Asia: experiences of Central Asian Countries, and support by other participating States and Partners for Co-operation

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Representative of Japan
- Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Other speaker(s) to be designated
- Discussion

3.30-4 p.m. Coffee break

4-5.30 p.m. Session 3 (continued)

Topic: Natural resources and environmental issues in Central Asia

- Introductory remarks (10 minutes each)
- Speaker(s) to be designated
- Discussion

5.30-6 p.m. Concluding Session

Chair: Co-chairpersons

Reports by the Session Rapporteurs

Concluding Summary by the Co-Chairpersons

6 p.m. Closure of Conference

6.30 p.m. Reception hosted by OSCE Chairmanship

II. PARTICIPATION

Representatives of the OSCE participating States at senior official level (opening at political level)

Representatives of the Partners for Co-operation

Representatives of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

Representatives of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: United Nations (family), including, *inter alia*, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP); as well as International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), European Commission (EC), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as well as regional arrangements including the Shanghai Forum.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance notification required).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

III. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

The Conference will begin at 1 p.m. (opening session) on 11 December 2000 and end at 6 p.m. on 12 December 2000.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a chairperson and a rapporteur. The concluding summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation.

Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media.

Venue: International Conference Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo

Working Languages: English, Russian, Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)

Transportation between the conference hotel(s) and the conference venue, and also to the evening receptions and back to the hotel(s), will be provided by the host country.

The Secretariat will cover costs relating to the participation of its representatives in the Conference, and also for the interpretation between the working languages of the Conference, English and Russian. Interpretation from and into Japanese will be provided by the host country.



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**DECISION No. 368
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE BORDER MONITORING OPERATION
OF THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA FOR THE PERIOD FROM
16 SEPTEMBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2000**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 334 of 15 December 1999 concerning the expansion of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia to observe and report on movement across the border between Georgia and the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation,

Further recalling its Decision No. 346 of 13 April 2000 prolonging the border monitoring operation until 15 November 2000,

- Approves a supplementary budget in the amount of EUR 844,200 for the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, as presented in PC.IFC/76/00. The supplementary budget covers the period from 16 September 2000 until 15 November 2000 and will be implemented in accordance with the proposal circulated by the Secretary General on 3 August 2000 (PC.IFC/76/00).

296th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 296, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 369
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES, INDICATIVE AGENDA AND
WORK PROGRAMME OF THE IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
ON HUMAN DIMENSION ISSUES**

(Warsaw, 17 to 27 October 2000)

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES

1. The Implementation Meeting will begin with a plenary session. Discussions in subsequent working sessions will review both the implementation of Human Dimension commitments and the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with these commitments. The activities of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues will be addressed in the context of discussions on individual items relevant to their respective activities. In addition, one session will be devoted to the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with Human Dimension commitments. There will be two plenary sessions on the last day of the meeting.

A moderator and two rapporteurs will be appointed on the basis of proposals by the Chairperson-in-Office following appropriate consultations.

As a general rule, no intervention should exceed seven minutes. Statements exceeding this time limit or other written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation.

2. Broad attendance by representatives of all the participating States will be essential. Upon request, financial assistance could be provided from the OSCE Voluntary Fund to foster the integration of recently admitted participating States.

Participating States will endeavour to be represented at a high level, in particular at the closing plenary sessions, by those responsible for shaping their policies regarding Human Dimension issues.

Heads of other international organizations and institutions having relevant experience in the Human Dimension field will also be invited to participate, in particular in the closing plenary sessions.

3. The High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and the Director of the ODIHR will be invited to participate in the meeting. They and/or their representatives will take part in discussions on all individual items relevant to the activities of their respective institution/body in order to assist the participating States in reviewing, *inter alia*, the institutional aspects of the implementation of OSCE Human Dimension commitments.

Heads of OSCE missions and field activities will be invited to participate in the meeting. They and/or their representatives will be free to contribute to any session of the meeting relevant to their activities.

4. All sessions will be open to non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The participation of NGOs in discussions will be in conformity with the relevant OSCE decisions, and in particular the modalities for the OSCE meetings on Human Dimension issues.

In order to provide better opportunities for contacts among delegates and NGOs, no formal sessions will be scheduled for the morning of 20 October and the afternoon of 26 October 2000.

5. In accordance with OSCE precedent and practice, all aspects of the Human Dimension may be discussed during the Implementation Meeting on Human Dimension Issues. The meeting will aim at enhancing co-operation to facilitate the implementation of Human Dimension commitments.

II. INDICATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening Plenary

The plenary proceedings will consist of:

- (a) Opening statements, including a statement by a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office;
- (b) Report of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
- (c) Report of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media;
- (d) Report of the Director of ODIHR.

2. Review of the Implementation of Human Dimension commitments by participating States in the OSCE area; consideration of ways and means of improving implementation, on the basis of the broadest possible information, in particular from OSCE bodies and institutions as well as a review of the procedures and mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing compliance with particular commitments. The discussion will be structured in the following order, unless otherwise decided:

(a) Sessions 1-2

Session 1:

Democratic institutions, including:

- Free and fair elections
- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
- Citizenship and political rights
- Civic Education

Session 2:

Rule of law, including:

- Legislative transparency
- Independence of the judiciary
- Right to a fair trial

Exchange of information on the question of the abolition of capital punishment

(b) Session 3

Freedom of expression, free media and information

(c) Sessions 4-5

Session 4:

Rights of the Child/Children and Armed Conflict

Culture and education

Session 5:

Prevention of torture and other inhuman treatment or punishment

International humanitarian law

(d) Session 6

Role of NGOs, including:

- Contribution of NGOs to the Human Dimension
- Co-operation between relevant NGOs and OSCE institutions and instruments
- Strengthening dialogue between governments and NGOs
- Training, capacity building

Freedom of association and the right of peaceful assembly

(e) Sessions 7-8

Gender issues, including equality of opportunity for women and men

Tolerance and non-discrimination:

- prevention of aggressive nationalism and chauvinism
- Ethnic cleansing
- Racism
- Xenophobia
- Anti-Semitism

Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief

(f) Sessions 9-10

Session 9:

Roma and Sinti

Session 10:

National minorities

(g) Sessions 11-12

Freedom of movement

Migration, refugees and displaced persons

Migrant workers

Human contacts

Treatment of citizens of other participating States

Trafficking in Human Beings

(h) Session 13

Human Dimension in the work of OSCE field operations

Human Dimension mechanisms, procedures and seminars

Human Dimension issues at meetings of OSCE bodies

The functioning of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
(election and democratization sections and their activities)

Ways of enhancing co-operation and co-ordination between OSCE institutions and field operations as well as between OSCE and other international organizations including improved dissemination of information on the Human Dimension

Any other issues

- 3. Closing Plenary
 - (a) Presentation by the rapporteurs;
 - (b) Concluding statements (each not to exceed seven minutes)

WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Week 1		Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October	Friday 20 October
Morning		PL	Session 2	Session 4	NGO
Afternoon		Session 1	Session 3	Session 5	Session 6

Week 2	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
Morning	Session 7	Session 9	Session 11	Session 13	PL
Afternoon	Session 8	Session 10	Session 12	NGO meetings	PL

PL = Plenary meeting