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**Bulgarian Chairmanship**

**526th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue\***

1. Date: Thursday, 23 September 2004

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Freedom of association in the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/907/04), Belarus
- (b) *Case of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/901/04), Switzerland (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland and Norway), United States of America (PC.DEL/906/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/916/04)
- (c) *Situation in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/904/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/913/04), Ukraine, Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/900/04), Chairperson
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan on 19 September 2004*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/903/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/917/04), Kazakhstan
- (e) *Appeal of the CIS member States to the OSCE Partners, adopted in Astana, 15 September 2004*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/912/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/902/04), United States

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\* Incorporates amendments to agenda items 1(b), 2 and 5(b).

of America (PC.DEL/909/04), Ukraine, Turkey (PC.DEL/908/04), Armenia,  
Chairperson

- (f) *Parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan on 26 December 2004*: Uzbekistan  
(PC.DEL/910/04 Restr.)
- (g) *Referendum in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on  
7 November 2004*: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairperson,  
Netherlands

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro (PC.FR/25/04 Restr.),  
Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia,  
Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/905/04), United States  
of America (PC.DEL/911/04), Norway, Russian Federation, Canada, Serbia  
and Montenegro (PC.DEL/919/04 Restr.), Chairperson

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

- (a) *Meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the  
Russian Federation, held in Moscow on 17 September 2004*: Chairperson  
(CIO.GAL/91/04 OSCE+)
- (b) *Meetings of the Chairman-in-Office in New York on 20 September 2004*:  
Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the United Nations  
Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, held in New York on  
20 September 2004*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/210/04 Restr.)
- (b) *Announcement of the distribution of the interim budget for the OSCE Election  
Support Team to Afghanistan*: Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Appointment of the Chair of the Informal Group of Friends of the Chair on  
Improving the Functioning and Effectiveness of OSCE Field Operations*:  
Chairperson
- (b) *Autumn meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Rhodes,  
Greece, from 29 September to 1 October 2004*: Representative of the OSCE  
Parliamentary Assembly, Secretary General

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal