
Romanian Chairmanship**322nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 22 February 2001

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 10.55 a.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota
Mr. T. Chebeleu

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Meeting in Ukraine on the status of the negotiation process on a settlement of the conflict in the Trans-Dniestrian region of the Republic of Moldova, held on 16 February 2001: Moldova*

(b) *Second session of the round table on "Kyrgyzstan before the 21st Century: Safe and stable development in conditions of democracy", held in Bishkek on 17 February 2001: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/97/01)*

(c) *Security situation in Kosovo: Chairman*

Statement by the Permanent Council: The Permanent Council adopted a statement concerning the security situation in Kosovo, the text of which is annexed to this Journal.

Yugoslavia, Albania, Chairman

Agenda item 2: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

(a) *OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

(b) *Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

(c) *Situation in Chechnya: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

- (d) *Meeting of the EU Ministerial Troika in Yerevan with the Heads of the OSCE Presence in the Caucasus, held on 20 February 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *Visit of two members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly ad hoc Working Group on Belarus to Minsk from 20 to 21 February 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

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

- (a) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Rome on 16 February 2001*: Representative of the Delegation of Romania
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Croatia on 19 February 2001*: Representative of the Delegation of Romania
- (c) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Sarajevo on 20 February 2001*: Representative of the Delegation of Romania

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Target-oriented tripartite meeting held in Vienna on 15 February 2001 and high-level tripartite meeting held in Vienna on 16 February 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/24/01 Restr.)
- (b) *OSCE-Korea Conference 2001, "Applicability of OSCE CSBMs in North-East Asia" to be held from 20 to 21 March 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *NATO Crisis Management Exercise 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Open-ended working group on OSCE legal capacity*: Chairman of the open-ended working group on OSCE legal capacity
- (b) *Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Vienna from 22 to 23 February 2001*: Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 March 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

The Permanent Council condemns in the strongest terms the attack against a bus near the town of Podujevo in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, on 16 February, which has so far cost the lives of ten Serb civilians, and the landmine attack in Lucane in southern Serbia in which three Serb policemen were killed.

These cowardly attacks undermine the efforts of the international community to build a multi-ethnic society in Kosovo, and the efforts of the authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Serbia to find a peaceful resolution to the tension in southern Serbia. They are attacks on the majority of people, of all ethnic groups, who want nothing more than to live in harmony with their neighbours. They are perpetrated by those who want to make peace and reconciliation among ethnic groups impossible, and they cannot be allowed to succeed.

The Permanent Council calls for an end to violence and urges all concerned to show restraint and to remain calm, however great the provocation. The extremists and criminals responsible for these senseless acts of terrorism must be speedily brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

The Participating States of the Permanent Council express their deepest sympathies to the families of the victims of these attacks.