
Netherlands Chairmanship**471st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 23 October 2003

Opened: 10.25 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.
Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. R. Van Ees

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Report by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/11/03), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1213/03), Russian Federation, Switzerland
- (b) *Presidential elections in Azerbaijan, held on 15 October 2003*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1211/03), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/1225/03), Canada (PC.DEL/1220/03), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Chairperson
- (c) *Agreement between Serbia and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina on refugee return, signed on 6 October 2003*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1212/03), Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1217/03)

- (d) *Situation in Belarus*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1209/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1226/03), Belarus, Chairperson
- (e) *Convertibility of Uzbekistan's national currency*: Uzbekistan, Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1215/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1221/03), Canada, Chairperson
- (f) *Case of Mr. Linderman in the Russian Federation*: Latvia (PC.DEL/1218/03), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAD

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad (PC.FR/27/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1214/03), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1222/03), Norway, Canada (also on behalf of Switzerland), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/1216/03 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/28/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1210/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1223/03), Canada, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
PERMANENT COUNCIL REGARDING THE
CONTINUATION OF WORK ON OSCE LEGAL STATUS
AND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Chairperson (PC.DEL/1224/03 Restr.)

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/99/03 Restr.):* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Chairperson

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Informal Briefing and Informal Exchange on the Role of National and International Protection in Internal Displacement, to be held in Vienna on 27 October 2003:* Chairperson
- (b) *Constitutional referendum in Romania, held on 18 and 19 October 2003:*
Romania
- (c) *Seminar on Enhancing Border Security in Southeast Europe, held in Budapest on 13 and 14 October 2003:* Hungary (also on behalf of the United Kingdom)
- (d) *Matters of protocol:* Dean of the Permanent Council (Azerbaijan), Lithuania,
Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal