
Slovenian Chairmanship**584th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 15 December 2005

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE AND EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, LORD PADDY ASHDOWN

Chairperson, High Representative and EU Special Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1232/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-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 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1250/05), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1236/05), Canada, Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Presidential elections in Kazakhstan, held on 4 December 2005:* United Kingdom-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, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1255/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1246/05 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1244/05), Canada (PC.DEL/1257/05 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1243/05), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1240/05 OSCE+)

- (b) *Arrest and transfer of General Ante Gotovina to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia*: United Kingdom-European Union (PC.DEL/1252/05), Canada (also on behalf of Norway), United States of America (PC.DEL/1238/05), Croatia (PC.DEL/1239/05)
- (c) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: United Kingdom-European Union (PC.DEL/1253/05), Norway, United States of America
- (d) *Death penalty in Kyrgyzstan*: United Kingdom-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, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia 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/1256/05), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1245/05 OSCE+)
- (e) *Third Extraordinary Session of the Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference*: Azerbaijan
- (f) *Amendments to the Belarusian criminal code and criminal procedure code*: United Kingdom-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, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1251/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/1237/05), Belarus

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
 FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/17/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate country Croatia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1234/05 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1241/05 OSCE+), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/1242/05), Kyrgyzstan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Tajikistan

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
 WALLNERSTRASSE FUND

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 709 (PC.DEC/709), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the establishment of the Wallnerstrasse Fund.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE OFFICE IN MINSK

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 710 (PC.DEC/710), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk.

Belarus (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: 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/181/05): Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEG.GAL/248/05):* Secretary General

(b) *2006 Unified Budget Proposal:* Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Parliamentary elections in Ukraine, to be held on 26 March 2006:* Ukraine

(b) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 December 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal