
Slovenian Chairmanship**558th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 2 June 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Final report of the ODIHR on the presidential elections in Ukraine, held on 31 October, 21 November and 26 December 2004:*

Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/439/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/459/05), Canada (PC.DEL/451/05), Ukraine

(b) *Incident in the zone of conflict in South Ossetia, Georgia:*

Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/441/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/456/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/445/05 OSCE+), Georgia

(c) *Withdrawal of Russian Federation military bases from Georgia:*

Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/442/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/458/05), Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Turkey (PC.DEL/448/05), Moldova, Canada (also on behalf of Switzerland) (PC.DEL/452/05), Armenia, Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/444/05 OSCE+), Georgia

(d) *Freedom of assembly in Azerbaijan:* Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia

and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/438/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/457/05), Azerbaijan

- (e) *State of civil society in Belarus*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/443/05), Belarus
- (f) *OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism and on other Forms of Intolerance, to be held in Cordoba, Spain, on 8 and 9 June 2005*: United States of America (PC.DEL/460/05)
- (g) *Ratification of the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by Latvia on 26 May 2005*: Latvia (PC.DEL/449/05), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/446/05 OSCE+)
- (h) *Draft law on the use of community symbols in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: Luxembourg-European Union (PC.DEL/440/05), United States of America
- (i) *Meeting of the mediators of the Transdnestrian conflict, held in Vienna on 1 June 2005*: Chairperson, Moldova

Agenda item 2: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/10/05 Restr.), Luxembourg-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/447/05), United States of America, Russian Federation, Croatia (PC.DEL/453/05), Albania (PC.DEL/455/05 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson, Albania (PC.DEL/454/05 OSCE+)

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 674 (PC.DEC/674), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the recommendation to appoint the OSCE Secretary General.

Switzerland (PC.DEL/450/05), France, Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2005 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 675 (PC.DEC/675), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda for the 2005 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE DATES AND THEME OF THE
SECOND OSCE MEETING OF POLICE EXPERTS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 676 (PC.DEC/676), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the dates and theme of the second OSCE meeting of police experts.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 677 (PC.DEC/677), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the appointment of the External Auditor.

Agenda item 7: 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/78/05): Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/124/05 Restr.): Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office's Personal Representative on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims to the Netherlands from 18 to 20 May 2005:* Netherlands
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Norway, to be held on 12 September 2005:* Norway
- (c) *Events in commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and the fifteenth anniversary of the Charter of Paris, to be held in Vienna on 20 and 21 July 2005:* Chairperson, Austria
- (d) *Thailand Conference on the Sharing of Experiences in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings: Opportunities for Co-operation, to be held in Bangkok on 16 and 17 June 2005:* Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson, Secretary General

- (e) *Fifth meeting of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum, held in Serbia and Montenegro on 30 and 31 May 2005, and other events that took place in parallel to that meeting: Serbia and Montenegro*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 June 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal