
Chairmanship: Finland**698th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 31 January 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, Mr. Bernhard Marfurt.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/1/08 OSCE+) (PC.FR/2/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/67/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/73/08 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/85/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/68/08), Canada (PC.DEL/78/08), Switzerland (PC.DEL/84/08), Norway (PC.DEL/72/08), Serbia (PC.DEL/74/08)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Human rights situation in Belarus:* Iceland (PC.DEL/70/08), Belarus

(b) *Presidential elections in the Russian Federation, to be held on 2 March 2008:* Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate country Croatia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/66/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/69/08),

Canada (PC.DEL/79/08), Norway (PC.DEL/71/08), Turkey,
Russian Federation (PC.DEL/82/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL
SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 838 (PC.DEC/838), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the dates of the 2008 Annual Security Review Conference.

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Renewal of the appointment of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/25/08 OSCE+)
- (b) *Procedural aspects related to the conduct of Permanent Council meetings:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/23/08 OSCE+)
- (c) *Selection process for the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/22/08 Restr.)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/21/08 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (b) *Announcement of the distribution of the letter on the operational modalities of the Partnership Fund (SEC.GAL/20/08 OSCE+):* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/21/08 OSCE+)
- (c) *The Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, to be held in Vienna from 13 to 15 February 2008:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/21/08 OSCE+)
- (d) *Regional workshop on enhancing law enforcement and judicial co-operation on the Balkan drug routes, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 January 2008:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/21/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Montenegro, to be held on 6 April 2008:* Montenegro
- (b) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson (PC.INF/2/08 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 January 2008, at 2.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 838
DATES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides that the 2008 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna on 1 and 2 July 2008.