
Austrian Chairmanship

268th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 3 February 2000

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chair: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Abolition of the death penalty in Cyprus*: Portugal-European Union
- (b) *Ukrainian Parliamentary crisis and referendum*: Ukraine
- (c) *Situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation*:
Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/41/00), United States of
America (PC.DEL/46/00), Russian Federation, Canada
- (d) *Belarusian National Assembly's passing of the draft electoral code*:
United States of America (PC.DEL/45/00), Belarus (SEC.DEL/30/00),
Portugal-European Union
- (e) *Conviction of Soviet war veterans in Latvia*: Russian Federation
(SEC.DEL/31/00), Latvia

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
(BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Bosnia
and Herzegovina) (PC.DEL/40/00/Rev.1), Portugal-European Union (also on
behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta,

Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/38/00), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/47/00), Russian Federation, Bulgaria (PC.DEL/44/00), Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chair

Agenda item 3: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT
 WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE

Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/39/00), United States of America, Russian Federation, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Chair

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR THE JOINT
 REGISTRATION TASK FORCE OPERATION PLAN (OSCE
 MISSION IN KOSOVO)

Discussion postponed

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON PAYMENT FOR COMMUNICATION
 ACCOUNT ARREARS

Chair

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 338 (PC.DEC/338), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the payment for communication account arrears.

Agenda item 6: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA
 AND MONTENEGRO)

Chair

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and related meetings in Strasbourg, France on 27 January 2000: Chair

Agenda item 8: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan:* Chair

- (b) *Report on the economic dimension seminars in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Tbilisi, Georgia*: Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) “*Overview of OSCE events in Central Asia in 2000*”: Chair
- (b) *Formation of a new Austrian Government*: United States of America (PC.DEL/43/00), Portugal-European Union, Austria (PC.DEL/42/00)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 February 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal