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**Austrian Chairmanship**

## 271st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 24 February 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.  
Closed: 5.05 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN

President of Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/90/00), Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/91/00), Turkey, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Romania (PC.DEL/98/00), United States of America, Canada, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/95/00), Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Norway (PC.DEL/101/00), Armenia, Belarus, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Presentation to the Ukrainian Parliament of the document "Strategy for Economic and Social Development for 2000-2004"*: Ukraine
- (b) *Ratification of Protocol No. 6 to the European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the abolition of the death penalty*: Ukraine, Switzerland, 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), Canada, Norway, Chairperson

- (c) *Preliminary results of the first round of parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan on 20 February 2000:* Kyrgyzstan, 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/94/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/104/00), Canada
- (d) *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/96/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/100/00), Poland, Estonia, Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (e) *Conviction of Soviet war veteran in Latvia:* Russian Federation (SEC.DEL/56/00), Latvia
- (f) *Statement by the Delegation of Azerbaijan regarding the working visit of Mr. A. Danielian from Nagorno-Karabakh to western European countries:* Armenia, Azerbaijan (SEC.DEL/59/00)
- (g) *Declaration by the Presidency of the European Union on events in Mitrovica, Kosovo:* 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/97/00), Canada, Russian Federation, Albania, Norway, Chairperson
- (h) *Presidential amnesty for prisoners in Turkmenistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/105/00), Turkmenistan
- (i) *Recent developments in the peace process in Northern Ireland:* Russian Federation, United Kingdom, Ireland, Belarus

Agenda item 3: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/5/00 Restr.), Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/92/00), Turkey, Switzerland, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/103/00), Albania

Agenda item 4: OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/6/00 Restr.), 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/93/00), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/106/00), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Agenda item 5:       DECISION ON SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR THE OSCE  
MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 342 (PC.DEC/342), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on spending authority for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

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

Covered under following agenda item

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

*Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Kosovo on 22 February 2000:* Chairperson (SEC.INF/96/00)

Agenda item 8:       REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 9:       ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*International Conference on Inter-ethnic Relations and Minorities in South-Eastern Europe in Portorož, Slovenia, on 16 and 17 March 2000:* Slovenia (PC.DEL/99/00)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 March 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal