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**Austrian Chairmanship****280th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Tuesday, 18 April 2000

Opened: 10.25 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION TO ESTONIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Estonia (PC.FR/12/00 Restr.),  
Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary,  
Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the  
Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/244/00), Canada, Russian Federation,  
Switzerland, United States of America, Estonia

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia, 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/246/00), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and  
Ukraine) (PC.DEL/243/00), Switzerland, United States of America,  
Russian Federation, France, Germany, Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Media reports on mining of border area between the Russian Federation and Georgia*: Canada, Georgia, Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia
- (b) *Results of the all-Ukrainian Referendum*: Ukraine (SEC.DEL/113/00)

Agenda item 4: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

United States of America

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2000 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR "CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT"

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 348 (PC.DEC/348), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2000 Human Dimension Seminar "Children and Armed Conflict".

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

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 349 (PC.DEC/349), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the appointment of the external auditor.

Chairperson

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

- (a) "2+2" OSCE-Council of Europe meeting in Vienna on 12 April 2000: Chairperson (SEC.INF/218/00), France
- (b) Meeting with the President of Tajikistan in Vienna: Chairperson
- (c) Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Moscow and Chechnya from 13 to 15 April 2000: Chairperson, United States of America, France, Russian Federation

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Visit of experts from the Secretariat to Chechnya and provision of relevant recommendations to the Chairperson-in-Office: Secretary General
- (b) Meeting with the President of Tajikistan during the Eighth Meeting of the Economic Forum in Prague: Secretary General
- (c) Attendance of a seminar on conflict prevention and related meetings in New York City: Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Decision on the extension of the mandate of the Director of the ODIHR:*  
Chairperson

The Chairperson announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision to extend the mandate of Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann as the Director of the ODIHR had not been broken (see PC.DEC/347, the text of which is appended to this Journal).

- (b) *Organization of a visit of OSCE delegations and the CPC to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 7 to 10 May 2000:* Chairperson
- (c) *German-Italian Conference on the regions of the Trans-Caucasus and Central Asia in Rome on 7 April 2000:* Italy, Azerbaijan
- (d) *Clarification regarding the tentative Calendar of OSCE Events for the first half of 2000 (CIO.INF/7/00/Rev.2):* France, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 4 May 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal

**278th Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 278, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 347  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE ODIHR**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the Ministerial Council at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Further recalling that the term of office of the current Director, Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann, expires on 26 April 2000,

Underlining the important contribution of Ambassador Stoudmann to the work of the OSCE and to developing the activities of the ODIHR,

Recommends to the Ministerial Council that it extend the mandate of Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann as Director of the ODIHR for a period of three years with effect from 27 April 2000.

**280th Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 280, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 348  
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES  
OF THE 2000 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR****“CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT”**

(Warsaw, 23-26 May 2000)

**I. AGENDA**

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Plenary: Keynote speech
3. Discussion in two Working Groups
4. Summing up and closure of the Seminar

**II. TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES**

1. The Seminar will open in Warsaw on Tuesday, 23 May 2000 at 3 p.m.  
It will close on Friday, 26 May 2000 at noon.
2. All Plenaries and the Working Groups will be open.
3. The closing Plenary, scheduled for Friday morning, will focus on practical suggestions for dealing with the issues and problems raised during the Working Groups.

**Working Group 1: Addressing the situation of children during active armed conflict and immediately post-conflict**

Topics may include:

- Detailed overview of the issues affecting children in active conflicts and immediately post-conflict;
- Relevant international standards and new initiatives;

- Addressing specific needs of war-affected children;
- Raising awareness and building local capacities for protection and advocacy;
- Making the protection and welfare of children part of peace agendas and international monitoring of peace settlements;
- Follow-up issues for the OSCE, including its field operations;
- International co-operation and partnerships.

Working Group 2: Addressing the longer-term needs of war-affected children - post-conflict and in frozen conflicts - (day a) and politico-military issues (day b)

The one-day sessions will be organized with the participation of politico-military experts from the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation.

Topics may include:

- Detailed overview of the long-term issues for war-affected children, including issues specific to frozen conflicts;
- Relevant international standards and new initiatives;
- International initiatives for protection and rehabilitation;
- Landmines and small arms: their impact on children;
- Raising awareness and building local capacities for protection, advocacy and rehabilitation;
- Follow-up issues for the OSCE, including its field operations;
- International co-operation and partnerships.

4. The Plenary and Working Group meetings will take place according to the Work Programme below.

5. An ODIHR representative will chair the Plenary meetings.

6. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Seminar.

7. Discussions will be interpreted into all six working languages of the OSCE.

WORK PROGRAMME

Working hours: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

	Tuesday 23 May 2000	Wednesday 24 May 2000	Thursday 25 May 2000	Friday 26 May 2000
Morning		WG 1 WG 2 (a)	WG 1 WG 2 (b)	PL (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
Afternoon	PL	WG 1 WG 2 (a)	WG 1 WG 2 (b)	

PL = Plenary Meeting

WG = Working Group

**280th Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 280, Agenda item 6

**DECISION No. 349****EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Financial Regulations 8.01 - 8.06 of 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96)  
concerning the OSCE external auditors,

Taking note of the kind agreement of Sweden to extend its provision of external audit services to the OSCE,

- Accepts the offer of Sweden and extends the appointment of the Swedish external auditor for the period of one year expiring on 30 April 2001.