
Norwegian Chairmanship

261st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 9 December 1999

Opened: 10.25 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.25 p.m.
Closed: 4.45 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/623/99), Russian Federation, United States of America, Slovak Republic, Latvia, Chairman

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/37/99 Restr.), Turkey, Finland-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/624/99), Switzerland, Russian Federation, United States of America, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairman

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO TAJIKISTAN

Head of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan (PC.FR/36/99 Restr.), Finland-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/625/99), Switzerland, United States of America, Tajikistan, Chairman

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE OSCE
EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 325 (PC.DEC/325), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on improvement of the OSCE employment conditions.

Canada (interpretative statement, see Annex), Secretary General

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON A TASK FORCE FOR THE REACT
PROGRAMME AND THE SETTING UP OF AN
OPERATION CENTRE WITHIN THE CPC

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 326 (PC.DEC/326), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a Task Force for the REACT programme and the setting up of an Operation Centre within the CPC.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION
TO CROATIA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 327 (PC.DEC/327), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/627/99), United States of America

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO ESTONIA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 328 (PC.DEC/328), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Estonia.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF
 THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 329 (PC.DEC/329), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension and expansion of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 330 (PC.DEC/330), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Ukraine, Chairman

Agenda item 10: CONTINUED FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA
 AND MONTENEGRO)

- (a) *Report of the Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UNMIK) to the Watch Group on 8 December 1999:* Chairman
- (b) *International Human Rights Conference to be held in Pristina, Kosovo on 10 and 11 December 1999:* Chairman
- (c) *Voter registration in Kosovo:* Chairman

Agenda item 11: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Chechnya and the surrounding region on 14 and 15 December 1999 and related issues:* Chairman, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/626/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/628/99), Switzerland, Canada, Turkey, Estonia, Russian Federation, Belarus
- (b) *Situation around the airport in Podgorica, Montenegro:* Chairman
- (c) *Draft resolution on co-operation between the United Nations and the OSCE:* Armenia, Azerbaijan, Chairman, Belarus
- (d) *OSCE participation in Georgia-Chechnya border monitoring:* Georgia, Chairman, United States of America

Agenda item 12: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Appointment of Ambassador T. Örn as Head of the OSCE Mission to Latvia:* Chairman, Latvia
- (b) *Appointment of Mr. E. Busek as Chairman of the Working Table 1 of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe:* Chairman

Agenda item 13: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Spain, Malta, Secretary General, Chairman, Poland

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the Delegation of Canada:

The Delegation of Canada made the following interpretative statement regarding the decision on improvement of the OSCE employment conditions:

“For the record, in Regulation 1.02, institutions to be eventually designated under paragraph e [‘such other entities as may be designated as an OSCE Institution’] would, in the understanding of the Canadian Delegation:

1. have to request to be designated;
2. receive unanimous consent of the Permanent Council.”