

Netherlands Chairmanship

431st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 January 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY H.E. THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF AUSTRIA,
MRS. BENITA FERRERO-WALDNER, ON THE HUMAN
SECURITY NETWORK

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria (PC.DEL/12/03),
Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries
associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus,
Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/13/03), United States of America
(PC.DEL/22/03), Norway, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Belarus
(PC.DEL/18/03), Slovenia (PC.DEL/16/03), Armenia, Canada, Albania,
Yugoslavia, Representative on Freedom of the Media, Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/7/03)

Agenda item 2: APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OSCE
OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on
Wednesday, 22 January 2003, at 12 midnight, adopted the decision on the
appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and
Human Rights, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

Austria, Portugal

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Report by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/1/03), Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta in alignment) (PC.DEL/14/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/23/03), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (b) *Nomination of a rapporteur for a Moscow Mechanism fact-finding mission to Turkmenistan*: Canada (on behalf of the United States of America, Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway and Sweden), Greece-European Union, Chairperson
- (c) *The launch of the European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/15/03), Norway, Russian Federation, Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/19/03), Chairperson
- (d) *Abolition of the death penalty*: Greece-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/17/03), Switzerland, Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/24/03)
- (e) *Regional seminar on small arms and light weapons, to be held in Bucharest from 24 to 26 February 2003*: Romania

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

Announcement on the distribution of a report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement on the distribution of a written report by the Secretary General*: Secretary General
- (b) *Administrative closure of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya*: Secretary General
- (c) *Border Monitoring Operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia*: Secretary General
- (d) *OSCE Office in Minsk*: Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parliamentary elections in Estonia, to be held on 2 March 2003: Estonia
(PC.DEL/21/03)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 January 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal