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**Norwegian Chairmanship**

## 203rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 14 January 1999

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 10.50 a.m.  
Resumed: 10.55 a.m.  
Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide

H.E. Knut Vollebæk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, addressed the meeting (CIO.GAL/2/99).

Chairman, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/4/99), Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/1/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/3/99), Canada, Bulgaria (PC.DEL/5/99), Slovak Republic (also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan (also on behalf of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan), Albania, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/14/99), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Uzbekistan, Switzerland, Turkey

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/8/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/12/99), Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Canada, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Chairman

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Death penalty in Lithuania*: Lithuania (PC.DEL/2/99), Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic), Holy See

- (b) *Moratorium on the death penalty in Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan:* Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/11/99), Switzerland, Germany-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic), Holy See, Kyrgyzstan
- (c) *Situation in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/7/99)
- (d) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:* Belarus
- (e) *Elections in Kazakhstan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/13/99), Switzerland, Germany-European Union, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/9/99), Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/10/99), Belarus, Azerbaijan, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/15/99)

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Kosovo Verification Mission:* Secretary General
- (b) *1999 KVM budget:* Secretary General
- (c) *OSCE Centres in Central Asia:* Secretary General

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

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Decisions subject to a silence procedure:* Chairman

The Chairman announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the 1999 Unified Budget had not been broken (see PC.DEC/282, the text of which is appended to this Journal) and that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the date for the 1999 OSCE Summit as recommended to the Ministerial Council had not been broken (see PC.DEC/283, the text of which is appended to this Journal).

- (b) *Procedural matters:* Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 January 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal