
Austrian Chairmanship

298th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue*

1. Date: Thursday, 7 September 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.25 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF THE STEERING
COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEE MATTERS, REGIONAL
RETURN INITIATIVE, STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH
EASTERN EUROPE

Head of the Steering Committee for Refugee Matters, Regional Return Initiative, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Chairperson, France-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/454/00), Russian Federation, United States of America, Switzerland, Azerbaijan, Norway, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Armenia

Agenda item 2: OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, United States of America, France-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey)

* Incorporates amendments regarding agenda item 3 and PC.DEC/370, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

(PC.DEL/455/00), Ukraine, Switzerland, Azerbaijan, Slovenia, Canada, Albania, Lithuania, Norway, Secretary General, Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/19/00), Kyrgyzstan, United States of America, Switzerland, France-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/457/00), Norway, Russian Federation, Canada, Uzbekistan, Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE YEAR 2000 BUDGET MID-TERM REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 370 (PC.DEC/370), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Year 2000 budget mid-term review and supplementary budgets.

Canada

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2000 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES: THE OSCE EXPERIENCE AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 371 (PC.DEC/371), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2000 Mediterranean Seminar on Confidence-Building Measures and Confidence- and Security-Building Measures: The OSCE Experience and its Relevance for the Mediterranean Region.

Secretary General

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Meeting of the Contact Group in Berlin on 31 August 2000:* Germany
- (b) *Detention of foreign nationals in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:* France-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/456/00), United Kingdom

(PC.DEL/459/00), United States of America, Canada, Norway,
Secretary General, Chairperson

- (c) *Media situation in the Russian Federation*: OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, United States of America, France-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/458/00), Russian Federation
- (d) *Situation in Belarus*: United States of America, Belarus

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

None.

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Rapid Expert Assistance and Co-operation Team/Human Resources Management System*: Secretary General
- (b) *Rapid operational support assistance*: Secretary General
- (c) *Staffing of the OSCE Secretariat Situation Room*: Secretary General
- (d) *Creation of an Internal Oversight Section in the Secretariat*:
Secretary General
- (e) *Elections in Kosovo: Staffing requirements*: Secretary General
- (f) *Study group on staffing of large OSCE missions*: Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Hotel reservations and transportation for the Ministerial Council Meeting in Vienna*: Chairperson
- (b) *Seminar in Stockholm: Electoral Process in Kosovo, on 7 and 8 September 2000*: Sweden
- (c) *Clarification regarding a spot report by the OSCE Presence in Albania on the weapons collection programme*: Albania, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal