
Norwegian Chairmanship

259th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 25 November 1999

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 1.25 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/22/99), 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/596/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/604/99), Switzerland, Canada, Turkey, Belarus, Russian Federation, Ukraine (PC.DEL/599/99), Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Chairman

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/34/99 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/597/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/601/99), Switzerland, Bulgaria (PC.DEL/598/99), Canada, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairman

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty (PC.DEL/35/99 Restr.), Kazakhstan, 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/600/99), Switzerland, United States of America, Tajikistan, Chairman

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

Chairman, United States of America, Netherlands

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Follow-up to the OSCE Istanbul Summit Meeting*: Chairman
- (b) *Situation in Chechnya*: 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/602/99), United States of America, Switzerland, Russian Federation
- (c) *Postponement of parliamentary elections in Croatia*: Croatia (PC.DEL/603/99), Chairman, Finland-European Union
- (d) *Roma/Sinti issues in the Czech Republic*: Czech Republic, United States of America, Finland-European Union
- (e) *Situation in Belarus*: United States of America

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 7: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Expression of gratitude for the work done by the Secretariat and the Turkish Host country at the OSCE Istanbul Summit Meeting*: Secretary General
- (b) *Strengthening of the operational capacities of the Secretariat*: Secretary General
- (c) *Recruitment of personnel for OSCE field missions*: Secretary General
- (d) *Follow-up to the Seventh high-level "2+2" OSCE-Council of Europe meeting on 20 October 1999 in Berlin*: Secretary General
- (e) *Appeal for participation in the OSCE Mediterranean Seminar on "Implementation of Human Dimension Commitments" in Amman on 6 and 7 December 1999 and the OSCE Seminar on "Environmental Impact of Conflicts and Rehabilitation Measures" in Sarajevo on 13 and 14 December 1999*: Secretary General, Austria

- (f) *Second open-ended forum on the future of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held in Strasbourg on 21 and 22 November 1999: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Expression of gratitude to the Secretariat for the work done at the OSCE Istanbul Summit Meeting: Greece

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal