
Bulgarian Chairmanship**524th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 9 September 2004

Opened: 9.45 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov
Mr. Z. Radukov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the Russian Federation in connection with the recent terrorist attacks in Moscow and Beslan and on two Russian civilian aircraft. The Council then observed a minute of silence. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, the Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/777/04), the United States of America (PC.DEL/794/04), Armenia (PC.DEL/795/04), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/767/04), Canada (PC.DEL/781/04), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Kyrgyzstan (also on behalf of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/791/04), Bosnia and Herzegovina (also on behalf of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro) (PC.DEL/789/04), Belarus, Liechtenstein and the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/197/04 Restr.) also expressed their condolences. The Russian Federation (PC.DEL/770/04) expressed its gratitude for the condolences. The Chairperson made a concluding statement (PC.DEL/769/04 OSCE+).

The Chairperson welcomed the following new Permanent Representatives to the OSCE: Ms. Barbara Gibson (Canada), Mr. Ivan Počuch (Czech Republic), Mr. Francesco Bascone (Italy), Mr. Rudolf Schaller (Switzerland) and Mr. Mohammad Daouas (Tunisia, Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY H.E. MR. KASSYMZHOMART TOKAEV,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KAZAKHSTAN

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/765/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/775/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/784/04), Norway (PC.DEL/774/04), Switzerland (PC.DEL/768/04), Armenia (PC.DEL/796/04), Canada (PC.DEL/780/04), Turkey (PC.DEL/766/04 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/773/04), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/793/04), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/787/04 Restr.), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/776/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/785/04), Ukraine (PC.DEL/786/04 Restr.), Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/772/04), Chairperson

Right of reply: Ukraine, Moldova

(b) *Situation in Belarus:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/779/04), United States of America, Canada (PC.DEL/783/04), Norway, Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/788/04 Restr.)

(c) *Visit of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to Belarus:* Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/20/04), Belarus

(d) *Education reform in Latvia:* Russian Federation, Belarus, Latvia (PC.DEL/797/04), Chairperson

(e) *Case of Ms. D. Numonova in Tajikistan:* Tajikistan, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/778/04/Corr.1), Norway

(f) *Freedom of association in the United States of America:* Belarus, United States of America

(g) *Release of prisoners in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/790/04), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/81/04 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Expression of condolences on the recent terrorist attacks in the Russian Federation*: Director for Human Resources (SEC.GAL/197/04 Restr.)
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Afghanistan from 4 to 6 September 2004*: Director for Human Resources
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan from 6 to 8 September 2004*: Director for Human Resources
- (d) *Developments at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek*: Director for Human Resources
- (e) *Meeting of OSCE/UNODC with Turkmen counter-terrorism officials, held in Ashgabad on 26 and 27 July 2004*: Director for Human Resources
- (f) *Police Assistance Programmes for Armenia and Azerbaijan*: Director for Human Resources
- (g) *Candidates for the Panel of Adjudicators*: Director for Human Resources

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Appointment of the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania*: Chairperson
- (b) *Organizational matters related to the ODIHR Conference on Ensuring Human Rights Protection in Countries of Destination: Breaking the Cycle of Trafficking, to be held in Helsinki on 23 and 24 September 2004*: Finland (PC.DEL/782/04)
- (c) *Organizational matters related to the OSCE Conference on Tolerance and the Fight against Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, to be held in Brussels on 13 and 14 September 2004*: Belgium

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal