

Belgian Chairmanship

622nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 27 July 2006

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. P. Heyman

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, in a letter issued on 26 July 2006 (see annex to this journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 on the OSCE Senior Council (see MC.DEC/4/06, the text of which is appended to this journal).

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE SHARE OF MONTENEGRO IN THE
SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2006 AND 2007

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 739 (PC.DEC/739), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the share of Montenegro in the scales of contributions for 2006 and 2007.

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE 2006
OSCE UNIFIED BUDGET

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 740 (PC.DEC/740), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the mid-year review of the 2006 OSCE Unified Budget.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),
Uzbekistan (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE BUDGET REVISION FOR THE OSCE
MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 741 (PC.DEC/741), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the budget revision for the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
PROPOSAL FOR THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 742 (PC.DEC/742), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the supplementary budget proposal for the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Report by the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference on fires affecting areas close to the line of contact (CIO.GAL/141/06 Restr.):* Chairperson, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/817/06 OSCE+), Armenia
- (b) *Death penalty in the United States of America:* Finland-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/815/06), United States of America
- (c) *Situation in Georgia and a food-for-thought paper by the United States of America (PC.DEL/812/06 Restr.):* United States of America (PC.DEL/814/06), Russian Federation, Georgia (PC.DEL/819/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (d) *Recent developments in the Kodori gorge in Georgia:* United States of America (PC.DEL/814/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/820/06 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/819/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (e) *War in Lebanon:* Armenia (PC.DEL/818/06 OSCE+), Israel (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 6: 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/144/06): Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/130/06 OSCE+): Secretary General*
- (b) *Memorandum of Understanding on the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in
Uzbekistan, signed on 26 July 2006: Secretary General, Uzbekistan*
- (c) *Report of the Board of Inquiry regarding a staff member of the OSCE
Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Austria, to be held on 1 October 2006: Austria
(PC.DEL/816/06 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Declaration of the States Parties to the Collective Security Treaty
Organization (CSTO), adopted at the CSTO meeting held in Minsk on 22 and
23 June 2006 (SEC.DEL/178/06): Belarus*
- (c) *Appointment of a new Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova: Chairperson*
- (d) *Two verbal notes of the ODIHR regarding forthcoming elections in Bosnia
and Herzegovina and Montenegro: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 August 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Brussels, 26 July 2006

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the decision of the Ministerial Council on the OSCE Senior Council (MC.DEC/4/06), expiring on Wednesday, 26 July 2006, at 12 noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Fourteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 27 July 2006.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations (1973) are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Karel De Gucht

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs
of the OSCE participating States

**DECISION No. 4/06
OSCE SENIOR COUNCIL**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decisions taken at the CSCE/OSCE's 1990 Paris Summit, 1992 Helsinki Summit and 1994 Budapest Summit in relation to the Senior Council, formerly the Committee of Senior Officials, as well as the related decisions of the Ministerial Council, formerly the Council,

Pursuant to the provision of the 1990, 1992 and 1994 Summit decisions that the Ministerial Council may adopt any amendment to those decisions which it may deem appropriate,

Taking into account the role of the Permanent Council as the principal and regular decision-making body for political consultations and for governing the day-to-day operational work of the OSCE,

Decides:

1. To dissolve the Senior Council and transfer its functions and tasks, except for those referred to in paragraph 3 below, to the Permanent Council, without amending the current organizational modalities of work of the Permanent Council;
2. To continue convening the Economic Forum as a regular OSCE meeting outside the framework of the Senior Council, under the auspices of the Permanent Council, and with the mandate and functions as previously agreed by the participating States;
3. To reaffirm, taking into account the amendments set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, all other provisions of OSCE decisions related to the Economic Forum, in particular those contained in paragraphs 21 to 32 of Chapter VII of the 1992 Helsinki Decisions, related to the mandate, organization and functions of the Economic Forum, as well as paragraph 20 of Chapter IX of the 1994 Budapest Decisions and Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04;
4. To authorize the Permanent Council to take, as necessary, all decisions related to the mandate, functions and organizational modalities of the Economic Forum.