
Portuguese Chairmanship**418th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 31 October 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. F. Seixas da Costa
Mr. C. Pais

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
NATIONAL MINORITIES

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/8/02 Restr.),
Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries
associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus,
Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/891/02), United States of America
(PC.DEL/900/02), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and
Ukraine) (PC.DEL/893/02), Russian Federation, Hungary (PC.DEL/890/02),
Switzerland, Slovakia (PC.DEL/888/02), Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Armenia,
Turkmenistan, Yugoslavia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
Croatia, Latvia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/36/02 Restr.),
Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries
associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus,
Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/892/02), United States of America,
Russian Federation, Norway, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Canada, Bosnia and
Herzegovina (PC.DEL/898/02), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN
 DUSHANBE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 500 (PC.DEC/500), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.

Tajikistan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Hostage-taking operation in Moscow on 23 October 2002:* Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/901/02), Denmark-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/889/02 Restr.)
- (b) *Belarus - Advisory and Monitoring Group:* Chairperson, Belarus, Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/895/02), Canada, Norway, United States of America

Right of reply: Belarus

- (c) *Eighth Meeting of the Experts Group within the framework of the negotiation process on resolution of the Georgian - South Ossetian conflict, held in Castelo Branco, Portugal, from 26 to 28 October 2002:* Chairperson, United States of America
- (d) *OSCE projects in Ukraine:* Chairperson, Ukraine
- (e) *Situation in Transdnistria, Moldova:* Moldova (PC.DEL/894/02)
- (f) *Municipal elections in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held on 26 October 2002:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Appointment of the new Head of the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Chairperson, Yugoslavia

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Vacancy notice for the post of Head of the Action Against Terrorism Unit:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/197/02)
- (b) *Annual OSCE Conference on Law Enforcement Experts:* Secretary General
- (c) *Assessment visit to the border between Moldova and Ukraine:* Secretary General

- (d) *Council of Europe working meeting of representatives of regional mechanisms, held in Strasbourg on 24 and 25 October 2002:* Secretary General
- (e) *First Preparatory Seminar for the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum, to be held in Sofia on 11 and 12 November 2002:* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

None

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 November 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal