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**Chairmanship: Spain****675th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 July 2007

Opened: 9.35 a.m.

Closed: 1.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma  
Mr. I. González Afonso

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF PORTUGAL, H.E. LUÍS FILIPE MARQUES AMADO

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal (PC.DEL/714/07), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia), Serbia (PC.DEL/717/07), Armenia, United States of America (PC.DEL/727/07), Turkey, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/729/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/715/07 OSCE+), Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine), Albania (PC.DEL/726/07), Norway (PC.DEL/722/07), Canada

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/16/07), Portugal-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/718/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/732/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/730/07 OSCE+), Croatia (PC.DEL/716/07 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/724/07)

Agenda item 3: PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Chairperson, Secretary General, Portugal-European Union (with 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; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/719/07), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/725/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/728/07), Switzerland, Russian Federation, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 4: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP ON THE SCALES OF CONTRIBUTION

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *So-called presidential elections in Nagorno-Karabakh, to be held on 19 July 2007:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/723/07 OSCE+), Chairperson, Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine), France (Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group), Armenia
- (b) *Recent developments in Georgia:* Russian Federation, Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/731/07)

Point of order: Russian Federation

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- (c) *Situation in Abkhazia, Georgia:* Georgia, Russian Federation

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2007 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 801 (PC.DEC/801), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the agenda for the 2007 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

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Agenda item 7:           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:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General  
(SEC.GAL/132/07 OSCE+):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 9:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a)    *Organizational matters:* Chairperson, Russian Federation

(b)    *Visit to the OSCE Wallnerstrasse premises on 13 July 2007:* Austria

4.    Next meeting:

Tuesday, 17 July 2007, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Mr. Chairperson, the European Union welcomes the adoption of the decision on the agenda for the 2007 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

However, the European Union deeply regrets that its proposal to include a working session exclusively dedicated to freedom of association and assembly was rejected by some participating States, even though these freedoms have been recognized in OSCE human dimension commitments and major international human rights instruments as cornerstones of a free and democratic society.

We call on participating States to respect the principle that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting should provide the opportunity to review the full range of OSCE commitments in the human dimension with adequate time.

Recalling with concern that in its 2006 Common Responsibility Report the ODIHR noted that freedom of association and assembly was at threat in some OSCE participating States, the European Union emphasizes that promoting the full enjoyment of these fundamental rights should remain at the forefront of the OSCE's priorities and we reserve the right to raise the subject at any appropriate moment during the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>\*</sup>, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia, EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

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Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.