
Norwegian Chairmanship**255th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 October 1999

Opened: 11.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

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

Prior to the opening of the Plenary Meeting of the Permanent Council, General Carlo Jean, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the Implementation of Articles II and IV of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed a joint meeting of the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation (see Annex).

Prior to the opening of the Plenary Meeting of the Permanent Council, Ambassador Henry Jacolin, Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed the meeting (see Annex).

The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Council on the assassination of several Armenian Government officials (SEC.INF/441/99).

Armenia, 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/568/99)

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/32/99), Chairman (SEC.INF/435/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/570/99), 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/566/99), Turkey, Switzerland, Albania, Russian Federation, Netherlands

Agenda item 2: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Draft decision on employment conditions in the OSCE (PC.DD/37/99/Rev.1):* Chairman
- (b) *Invitation to the OSCE Mission to Moldova to observe the withdrawal of Russian military forces and the disposal of ammunition:* Chairman
- (c) *Release of hostages in southern Kyrgyzstan:* Chairman, Japan
- (d) *Situation in Chechnya:* 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/567/99), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/575/99), Russian Federation, Chairman
- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Croatia on 22 December 1999 and other related issues:* Croatia, United States of America (PC.DEL/576/99)
- (f) *Economic damage inflicted on Danube river countries resulting from the crisis in Kosovo:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/571/99), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/572/99), United States of America
- (g) *Assassinations in Armenia:* Canada, Turkey, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan (also on behalf of Tajikistan), Georgia (also on behalf of Ukraine), United States of America, Armenia
- (h) *Seminar on "Economic Rehabilitation and Next Steps in the Transition: Institution-Building, Rule of Law and the Role of Civil Society" in Tashkent on 19 and 20 October 1999:* Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- (i) *ODIHR assessment of the elections in Kazakhstan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/573/99), Kazakhstan
- (j) *Car-bomb attack on journalist in Banja Luka on 22 October 1999:* United States of America (PC.DEL/577/99), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (k) *Situation in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/574/99)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Preparations for the OSCE Mediterranean Seminar on "Implementation of Human
Dimension Commitments", 6-7 December 1999, Amman: Secretary General*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Action plan and working group on gender issues: Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 4 November 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

255th Plenary Meeting**JOINT MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
AND THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 October 1999

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn (Norway)
Mr. A. Cosano (Forum for Security Co-operation) (Spain)

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ARTICLES II AND IV OF ANNEX 1-B OF THE GENERAL
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PEACE IN BOSNIA
AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairman of the Permanent Council, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the Implementation of Articles II and IV of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CIO.GAL/81/99), Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States of America, Austria, Germany, France, United Kingdom

Agenda item 2: SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER
ARTICLE V OF ANNEX 1-B OF THE
GENERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PEACE IN
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CIO.GAL/82/99), Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States of America (PC.DEL/569/99), Austria, Germany, France, Greece, United Kingdom

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Expression of condolences on behalf of the Council and the Forum for Security
Co-operation on the assassination of several Armenian Government officials:
Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation*