

Austrian Chairmanship

281st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 4 May 2000

Opened: 10 a.m.

Suspended: 1.25 p.m.

Resumed: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/1/00),
Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/251/00),
Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/261/00), Romania,
Liechtenstein, Norway, Canada, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Portugal-European Union
(also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland,
Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic)
(PC.DEL/252/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/258/00), Kazakhstan,
Russian Federation, Hungary (PC.DEL/254/00), Romania, Ukraine, Czech
Republic, Norway, Slovak Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia, Latvia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Chairperson, Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office to Kosovo, Netherlands, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/253/00), Germany, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/255/00/Rev.1), Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/257/00) (PC.DEL/260/00), Canada, Albania

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

Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Georgia from 1 to 3 May 2000: Chairperson, Special Adviser to the Chairperson-in-Office, Chief of the International Border Monitoring Operation in Georgia

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Local elections in Albania:* United States of America (PC.DEL/259/00), Albania
- (b) *Situation in Latvia:* Russian Federation, Latvia
- (c) *Results of the all-Ukrainian Referendum:* Ukraine
- (d) *Situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation:* Canada

Agenda item 6: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Covered under previous agenda items

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Central Asia from 26 to 29 April 2000:* Secretary General
- (b) *East/West Institute Annual Awards Dinner on 2 May 2000 in New York:* Secretary General
- (c) *Speech at the Open Society Institute and related meetings in New York:* Secretary General

- (d) *Postponement of Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation workshop:*
Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Concerns related to the case of the Zakharova family in France:*
Russian Federation, France
- (b) *Draft programme for the visit of OSCE delegations and the CPC to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 7 to 9 May 2000:* Chairperson
- (c) *OSCE Troika visit to Belarus:* Belarus, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 May 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal