

Austrian Chairmanship

284th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 25 May 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Return of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya*: Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/292/00), 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/284/00), Norway, Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation
- (b) *Situation in Belarus*: 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/285/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/291/00), Belarus, Poland, Chairperson
- (c) *Situation in Latvia*: Russian Federation, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/286/00), Latvia, United States of America, Norway
- (d) *Conference on Development and Security in the Adriatic and Ionian in Ancona on 19 and 20 May 2000*: Italy (SEC.DEL/138/00), Albania
- (e) *Official visits to Turkmenistan*: Turkmenistan (SEC.DEL/141/00) (SEC.DEL/142/00)

- (f) *Normalization of trade relations between Kyrgyzstan and the United States of America*: Kyrgyzstan, United States of America
- (g) *Concerns about politically motivated legal proceedings and convictions in Kyrgyzstan*: United States of America, Chairperson
- (h) *Sentencing of Kosovo Albanians by the Serbian Court on 22 May 2000*: Albania, United States of America

Agenda item 2: OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, 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/288/00), Russian Federation, Switzerland, United States of America, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESTONIAN
COMMISSION ON MILITARY PENSIONERS

OSCE Representative to the Estonian Commission on Military Pensioners, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/287/00), United States of America, Russian Federation, Estonia, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR
OSCE TASKS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE GENERAL
ELECTIONS IN THE YEAR 2000

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 351 (PC.DEC/351), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the supplementary budget for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina relating to the supervision of the general elections in the year 2000.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF THE OSCE
ACTION PLAN FOR GENDER ISSUES (none adopted)

Chairperson

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

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/289/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/293/00), Canada, Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Chairperson (CIO.GAL/32/00)

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Visit of OSCE delegations to Central Asia from 9 to 14 July 2000: Secretary General, Netherlands, 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), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Elections in Romania on 4 June 2000:* Romania
- (b) *Voluntary and extrabudgetary contributions:* United Kingdom, Denmark, Netherlands (PC.DEL/290/00), Chairperson (PC.IFC/38/00)
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson, Slovenia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 June 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal



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**DECISION No. 351
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR OSCE TASKS IN BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF
THE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE YEAR 2000**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations (DOC.PC/1/96) as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996, and

Recalling its Decision No. 350 of 18 May 2000 concerning the supervision and dates of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

- Adopts a supplementary budget for OSCE tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina to finance the OSCE activities relating to the supervision of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the total amount of EUR 6,975,200; the budget will be implemented on the basis of Alternative 1 of the Secretary General's proposal of 12 May 2000 (PC.IFC/33/00) as subsequently amended and shown in the Annex;
- Calls upon participating States, Partners for Co-operation, Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and other States, as well as international organizations and other institutions, to consider making voluntary contributions for the purpose of partial financing of the budget relating to supervision of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the year 2000;
- Appeals to Bosnia and Herzegovina to allocate funds for the general elections in the year 2000.

While accepting OSCE supervision of the general elections in the year 2000, the Permanent Council regrets the fact that, due to the non-adoption of the permanent election law, the general elections cannot be organized under the full responsibility of the competent authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Permanent Council does not expect the OSCE to supervise future general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina and urges the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina to adopt the permanent election law without further delay and to allocate appropriate resources for future elections.

November 2000 General Elections - First Alternative Overview

<u>General Election Projects (approved)</u>		<u>Total EURO</u>	<u>General Elections - Additional Projects/ Funds Required</u>		<u>Total EURO</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
G-1	HO Staffing and Operations	67,527	G-1a		88,435	after proposed reductions
G-2	Voter Registration	48,400	G-2a		234,911	after proposed reductions
G-3	OCV by mail	643,228	G-3a		158,141	after proposed reductions
G-4	Election information	255,650	G-4a		329,571	
G-5	Ballot Production	0	G-5a		1,750,808	
G-6	Elections Field Operation	196,320				
G-7	Counting Centre	401,870	G-7a		12,271	
G-8	National Infrastructure Training Programme	20,000				
G-9	Contingency and SFOR Support Account	0			-80,000	<i>Anticipated savings</i>
G-10	Permanent Election Commission Secretariat	98,344	G-11	Database Programme Development	95,122	after proposed reductions
			G-12	Political Party Services	27,706	after proposed reductions
			G-13	Professional Development	134,948	
			G-14a	Election Services Operational Costs	158,738	after proposed reductions
			G-14b	Election Services Staffing Costs	166,209	after proposed reductions
			G-15a	Election Supervision HO	109,146	after proposed reductions
			G-15b	Election Supervision Officers	229,442	after proposed reductions
			G-15c	Polling Supervisors and MEC Advisors	2,356,562	after proposed reductions
			G-15d	ES Operational Costs	115,512	after proposed reductions
			G-15e	Supervision Overhead	10,000	after proposed reductions
			G-16a	Elections Field Operations	91,166	after proposed reductions
			G-16b	Field Support Staff: Mission Augmentation	37,066	after proposed reductions
			G-17	Regional Elections Liaison Office	16,435	
			G-18	Municipal Elections Commissions	415,062	after proposed reductions
			G-19	Polling Station Committees	1,178,013	after proposed reductions
			G-I (add-on)	Press and Public Information	64,081	after proposed reductions
			G-II (add-on)	Provisional Election Commission	165,377	after proposed reductions
			G-III (add-on)	Media Development	<u>180,803</u>	after proposed reductions
SUB-TOTAL A:		<u>1,731,339</u>	SUB-TOTAL B		8,045,526	
			Additional Core Staffing Costs C:		300,000	
			TOTAL B AND C:		8,345,526*	
			Less Savings from Municipal Elections Budget		<u>-1,370,326</u>	
			TOTAL GENERAL ELECTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET		6,975,200	

* The right-hand column is based on alternative 1 budget.