

Portuguese Chairmanship**408th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 5 September 2002

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.
Closed: 5.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. F. Seixas da Costa

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representatives of Croatia, Mr. V. Matek, Kazakhstan, Mr. R. Aliyev and Norway, Ms. M. Kongslem.

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/6/02),
United States of America, Switzerland, Russian Federation,
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/655/02), Belgium
(PC.DEL/678/02), Finland (PC.DEL/673/02), Armenia, Norway, Belarus,
Canada, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine)
(PC.DEL/667/02), Azerbaijan, Yugoslavia, Kyrgyzstan, Secretary General,
Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/31/02 Restr.)
(PC.FR/31/02/Add.1 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/657/02), United States of America, Russian Federation,
Switzerland, Norway, Ukraine, Canada, Georgia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON IMPROVING ANNUAL REPORTING ON
 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OSCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 495 (PC.DEC/495), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on improving annual reporting on the activities of the OSCE.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ongoing consultations regarding the settlement of the conflict in Transdnistria:* Chairperson
- (b) *Abolition of exit visa in Tajikistan:* 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/659/02), United States of America, Russian Federation, Chairperson, Tajikistan
- (c) *Attack on a journalist in Kazakhstan:* 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/658/02), Kazakhstan, Chairperson
- (d) *Death of two prison inmates in Uzbekistan:* 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/660/02), Chairperson, United States of America, Canada, Uzbekistan
- (e) *Referendum on constitutional reform process in Azerbaijan:* United States of America, 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/661/02), Norway, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Chairperson
- (f) *Recent incidents in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* United States of America, Canada, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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

Address of the Chairman-in-Office to the regional European Union conference on conflict prevention "Partners in Prevention", held in Helsingborg, Sweden, on 29 and 30 August 2002: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *OSCE meeting with regional and sub-regional organizations and initiatives on preventing and combating terrorism, to be held in Vienna on 6 September 2002*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Address of the Secretary General to a conference devoted to the official conclusion of the Bratislava Process, held in Bratislava on 2 September 2002*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan on 4 September 2002*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) *Visit of the Senior Police Adviser to Tajikistan*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (e) *Appointment of the new Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 7: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Staffing issues related to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Austria), Sweden
- (b) *Municipal elections in Hungary, to be held on 20 October 2002*: Hungary (PC.DEL/652/02)
- (c) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Standing Committee Meeting and OSCE Parliamentary Conference on the Mediterranean: Ensuring Peace, Democracy and Prosperity in the Region, to be held in Madrid on 3 and 4 October 2002*: Spain
- (d) *Seminar on banning anti-personnel landmines: co-operation and capacity building, to be held in Yerevan on 1 and 2 October 2002*: Canada, Armenia

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 11 September 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal