
Chairmanship: Finland**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(721st Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Opened: 4.05 p.m.

Closed: 4.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences on the death of Mr. Bronisław Geremek, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland and former Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE. The Council then observed a minute of silence.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Armenia to the OSCE, Ambassador Ashot Hovakimian.

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

Agenda item 1: SITUATION IN GEORGIA

Georgia (PC.DEL/625/08), France-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 and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Azerbaijan and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/620/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/621/08), Norway (PC.DEL/622/08), Canada (PC.DEL/623/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/624/08 OSCE+), Chairperson, Special Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 July 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal