
Bulgarian Chairmanship**493rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 5 February 2004

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Turkey in connection with the collapse of a building in Turkey on 2 February 2004.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, H.E. MS. ILINKA MITREVA

Chairperson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/65/04), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/66/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/70/04), Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, Armenia, Albania, Canada

Prior to taking up agenda item 2, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE, Dr. B. Turkovic, and the new Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, Mr. C. Sanchez de Boado.

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Case of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries

Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/68/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/71/04), Belarus (PC.DEL/74/04), Russian Federation, Canada, Chairperson

- (b) *Political dialogue in the OSCE and modalities of discussing current issues in the Permanent Council*: Belarus (PC.DEL/74/04), Russian Federation, Canada, Armenia, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Ireland-European Union, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson
- (c) *Amnesty of prisoners in Uzbekistan*: Uzbekistan, Chairperson
- (d) *Conference on the Future of Democracy beyond the Baltics, to be held in Riga on 5 and 6 February 2004*: Belarus (PC.DEL/75/04), Latvia

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/2/04 Restr.), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/67/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/73/04), Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Norway, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Canada, Moldova (PC.DEL/69/04), Chairperson

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

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *OSCE Counter-Terrorism Network*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/27/04 OSCE+)
- (b) *United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting, to be held in Vienna on 11 and 12 March 2004*: Secretary General
- (c) *OSCE-Japan Conference, to be held in Tokyo on 15 and 16 March 2004*: Secretary General
- (d) *Department of Human Resources workshop on staff issues in missions*: Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Regional workshop on trafficking in small arms and light weapons, to be held in Chisinau on 4 and 5 March 2004*: Switzerland
- (b) *Seminar on border management and security in South-Eastern Europe, to be held in Vienna on 19 and 20 February 2004*: Chairperson

- (c) *Winter Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Vienna on 19 and 20 February 2004: Parliamentary Assembly*
- (d) *Matters of protocol: Dean of the Permanent Council (Azerbaijan), Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 February 2004 at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal