
Slovenian Chairmanship**549th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue***

1. Date: Thursday, 7 April 2005

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the Holy See in connection with the death of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, and to Monaco in connection with the death of Prince Rainier III. The Holy See paid tribute to His Holiness Pope John Paul II. The Permanent Council then observed a minute of silence.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed Mr. Alyaksandr Sychov, the new Permanent Representative of Belarus to the OSCE.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CO-ORDINATION CENTRE OF SERBIA AND
MONTENEGRO AND THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR
KOSOVO AND METOHIJA, DR. NEBOJŠA ČOVIĆ

President of the Co-ordination Centre of Serbia and Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia for Kosovo and Metohija (PC.DEL/253/05), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/255/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/265/05), Canada, Russian Federation, Albania, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Kyrgyzstan:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia,

* Incorporates a corection to agenda item 8(d).

Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/256/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/272/05), Ukraine (also on behalf of Georgia) (PC.DEL/254/05 Restr.), Norway, Canada (PC.DEL/264/05), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/270/05), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/263/05), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/262/05 OSCE+)

- (b) *Municipal elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 27 March 2005*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/257/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/266/05), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (c) *The cases of Mr. Marinich and Mr. Bandazhevsky in Belarus*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment), Belarus
- (d) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/258/05), Norway, United States of America
- (e) *Pardoning of prisoners in Azerbaijan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/267/05), Azerbaijan
- (f) *Presidential elections in the United States of America, held on 2 November 2004*: United States of America (PC.DEL/269/05), Belarus (PC.DEL/275/05), Russian Federation
- (g) *Situation in and around Nagorno-Karabakh*: Armenia (PC.DEL/261/05 OSCE+), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro (PC.FR/4/05 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/260/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/268/05), Canada (PC.DEL/271/05), Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/273/05)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE OSCE 2004 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 665 (PC.DEC/665), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the OSCE 2004 Unified Budget Revision.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE MAIN SUBJECTS AND
 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE
 THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 666 (PC.DEC/666), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the main subjects and organizational modalities for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Economic Forum.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER
 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2005 HUMAN
 DIMENSION SEMINAR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 667 (PC.DEC/667/Corr.1), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2005 Human Dimension Seminar.

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

Announcement of the distribution of the written reports on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/35/05, CIO.GAL/36/05, CIO.GAL/38/05): Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to New York:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/78/05 Restr.)
- (b) *Closure of the Border Monitoring Operation in Georgia:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General, Georgia, Chairperson
- (c) *OSCE-Korea Conference, to be held in Seoul on 25 and 26 April 2005:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) *Regional Meeting of Heads of Centres in Central Asia, held in Dushanbe on 17 and 18 March 2005:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (e) *Activities of the Action against Terrorism Unit:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (f) *Re-launch of the OSCE public website:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *General election in the United Kingdom, to be held on 5 May 2005:*
United Kingdom (PC.DEL/259/05)

(b) *Silence procedure regarding Permanent Council Decision No. 664:*
Chairperson

The Chairperson announced that the silence regarding the decision on the amended OSCE Staff Regulations had not been broken (see PC.DEC/664, the text of which is appended to this journal).

(c) *Extra-budgetary project for financing the activities of the Panel of Eminent Persons on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 14 April 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal