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**Chairmanship: Finland****703rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 February 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen  
Ms. L. Kansikas-Debraise

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF SLOVAKIA, H.E. JÁN KUBIŠ

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia (Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe) (PC.DEL/172/08), Slovenia-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/147/08/Rev.1), Belarus (PC.DEL/159/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/168/08 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/161/08), Canada (PC.DEL/163/08)

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia (PC.FR/4/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/146/08/Rev.1), Norway (PC.DEL/158/08), Canada

(PC.DEL/162/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/166/08 OSCE+),  
United States of America (PC.DEL/151/08), Serbia (PC.DEL/156/08)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Recent events in Serbia: Slovenia-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/148/08/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/167/08 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/152/08), Serbia (PC.DEL/157/08)
- (b) *Kazakhstan's "Path to Europe" programme: Slovenia-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/144/08/Rev.1), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/165/08)
- (c) *Presidential elections in Armenia, held on 19 February 2008: Slovenia-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/145/08), Slovenia-European Union (PC.DEL/145/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/155/08), Canada (PC.DEL/164/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/169/08 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/149/08 OSCE+), Armenia
- (d) *Temporary release from prison of Mr. A. Kozulin in Belarus: Slovenia-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/170/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/154/08), Belarus
- (e) *Human rights situation in Uzbekistan: United States of America* (PC.DEL/153/08), Uzbekistan

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

- (a)    *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to the South Caucasus*: Chairperson
- (b)    *OSCE Ambassadors' Retreat held in Retz, Austria, from 18 to 20 January 2008 (CIO.GAL/34/08 Restr.)*: Chairperson
- (c)    *Selection process for the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (CIO.GAL/22/08/Rev.1 Restr.)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, held in Vienna from 13 to 15 February 2008*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/45/08 OSCE+)
- (b)    *OSCE-Tajikistan Joint Task Force Meeting, held in Dushanbe on 25 February 2008*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/45/08 OSCE+)
- (c)    *Public diplomacy activities conducted by the OSCE Press and Public Information Service*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/45/08 OSCE+)
- (d)    *Model OSCE conference to be held in Vienna in July 2008*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/45/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)    *Black Sea Synergy Ministerial Meeting, held in Kiev on 14 February 2008*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/160/08)

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 March 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal