

**Romanian Chairmanship**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
(337th PLENARY MEETING)**

1. Date: Friday, 11 May 2001

Opened: 12.05 p.m.

Suspended: 12.40 p.m.

Resumed: 12.50 p.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. T. Chebeleu

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE  
PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAV  
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Chairman, Albania, United States of America, Russian Federation, Armenia,  
Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Sweden-European  
Union, Greece, France

**Statement by the Permanent Council:** The Permanent Council adopted a  
statement condemning the renewed acts of violence in the former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia, the text of which is attached to this Journal as  
Annex 1.

Chairman, Turkey (Annex 2), Russian Federation (Annex 2), Bulgaria  
(Annex 2), Belarus (Annex 2), Croatia (Annex 2), the former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 May 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council condemns in the strongest terms the renewed violent attacks, including terrorist activities by ethnic Albanian extremist groups in northern parts of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. They constitute a threat to the security and stability of the State and of the wider region. These acts could seriously threaten democratic processes and undermine inter-ethnic relations in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The participating States express their strong support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Permanent Council supports the Government in its efforts to end the violence in a proportionate manner, consistent with the rule of law. It calls on the political leaders in the country and in the region, who have yet not done so, to condemn unambiguously the violent acts and terrorist activities, to isolate those committing them and to use their influence to secure peace. Extremists who are engaged in violent acts must cease all such actions immediately, release the hostages and lay down their weapons.

The Council welcomes the establishment of the mechanism for enhanced political dialogue under the leadership of President Trajkovski with the view to ensuring that all citizens, irrespective of their ethnic origin, have a stake in the development of their country.

The Council encourages the speedy formation of a broad coalition government consisting of all relevant political parties and reflecting the need for national unity and the continuation of the successful reform processes in the country. It urges all relevant political leaders to take their responsibility for the stability of the country and join the coalition.

Furthermore, the Council considers that the inter-ethnic dialogue should continue and that all those involved should do their best to produce concrete results as soon as possible.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY**

Since we are adopting a Permanent Council statement, I would like to reiterate that Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia under its constitutional name.

I would like to request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.

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Note: Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia and the Russian Federation subscribe to the statement given by Turkey.

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