
Netherlands Chairmanship**450th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 15 May 2003

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskübler

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson (PC.DEL/473/03), on behalf of the Permanent Council, condemned the terrorist acts in Znamenskoye (the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation), Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) and near the town Iliskhan-Yurt (the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation) and expressed condolences to the victims and their families. The United States of America and the Russian Federation thanked the Chairperson and joined him in expressing condemnation and condolences.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF
SERBIA, H.E. DR. NEBOJSA COVIC

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/474/03), United States of America, Canada, Switzerland, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/482/03 Restr.), Norway, Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/472/03), Armenia, Albania (PC.DEL/483/03)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Release of Mr. Ablyazov from prison in Kazakhstan:* United States of America

- (b) *Presidential elections in Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro, held on 11 May 2003*: United States of America, Greece-European Union, Russian Federation
- (c) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/475/03), Norway, United States of America
- (d) *Second expert meeting between GUUAM and the United States of America on trade and transport facilitation, held in Kiev on 6 and 7 May 2003*: Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine)

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE

Head of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe (PC.FR/12/03 Restr.), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/477/03), United States of America, Switzerland, Canada, Russian Federation, Norway (PC.DEL/479/03), Bulgaria, France, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Ireland, Tajikistan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESTONIAN COMMISSION ON MILITARY PENSIONERS

OSCE Representative to the Estonian Commission on Military Pensioners, Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/478/03), United States of America, Russian Federation, Estonia (PC.DEL/480/03), Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/40/03 Restr.): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report of the Secretary General*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/86/03 Restr.)
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Strasbourg on 15 May 2003*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- (c) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Deputy Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan on 12 May 2003*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Visit of an Algerian delegation to the OSCE Secretariat on 12 May 2003*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *South-East Europe Heads of Mission Meeting, held in Tirana on 14 and 15 May 2003*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Distribution of documents for the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum, to be held in Prague from 20 to 23 May 2003*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Human Security Network, held in Graz, Austria, from 8 to 10 May 2003*: Austria (PC.DEL/481/03), Chairperson
- (b) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly seminar on federalism, held in Moldova on 12 and 13 May 2003*: Moldova
- (c) *Organizational matters related to the Eleventh Meeting of the Economic Forum, to be held in Prague from 20 to 23 May 2003*: Czech Republic

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 May 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal