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**Chairmanship: Spain****666th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 May 2007

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE, Mr. Nuriddin Shamsov, and the new Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Mr. Christopher Grima.

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

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Armenia, held on 12 May 2007:* Germany-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/433/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/440/07 OSCE+), United States of America, Turkey, Canada, Armenia
- (b) *Recent developments in South Ossetia, Georgia:* Germany-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/434/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/441/07 OSCE+), United States of America, Georgia (PC.DEL/438/07)

- (c) *Conclusions of the European Union's General Affairs and External Relations Council concerning Uzbekistan: Germany-European Union (PC.DEL/435/07), Uzbekistan*
- (d) *The death penalty in the United States of America: Germany-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/432/07), United States of America*
- (e) *Tenth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the South East European Cooperation Process, held in Zagreb on 11 May 2007: Croatia (PC.DEL/439/07), Bulgaria, Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (f) *Situation in the Transdnestrian region of Moldova: Moldova (PC.DEL/437/07 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/443/07 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAD

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad (PC.FR/11/07 OSCE+), Germany-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/436/07), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/442/07 OSCE+), Turkmenistan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (2007 ASRC)

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 795 (PC.DEC/795), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2007 Annual Security Review Conference (2007 ASRC).

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/07 OSCE+): Secretary General*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Selection process for the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities: Chairperson*
- (b) *Symposium on advancing the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, being held in Vienna on 17 and 18 May 2007: Austria (PC.DEL/431/07 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Serbian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe: Serbia (PC.DEL/446/07 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Formation of a new government in Serbia: Serbia (PC.DEL/446/07 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Accession of Montenegro to the Council of Europe: Montenegro (PC.DEL/447/07 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Organizational matters: Armenia, Chairperson*
- (g) *Referendum on the dismissal of the President of Romania, to be held on 19 May 2007: Romania (PC.DEL/413/07 OSCE+)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 May 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal