
Belgian Chairmanship**588th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 19 January 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Presidential elections in Belarus, to be held in 2006, and the case of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee:* Belarus, Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/21/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/37/06/Corr.1)
- (b) *Supreme Court trials in Uzbekistan concerning the events in Andijon, Uzbekistan, on 12 and 13 May 2005, and the case of Ms. N. Khidayatova:* Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; as well as the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/38/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/27/06), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Return of Uzbek refugees from Kyrgyzstan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/32/06), Kyrgyzstan
- (d) *Moratorium on the death penalty and developments with regard to constitutional reform in Kyrgyzstan:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/35/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania;

the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/25/06)

- (e) *Condemnation of an anti-Semitic attack in Moscow*: United States of America (PC.DEL/28/06), Russian Federation
- (f) *Suspension of BBC radio programming in Tajikistan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/30/06), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/26/06), Tajikistan
- (g) *The threat posed by avian influenza in the OSCE region*: United States of America (PC.DEL/29/06), Armenia (PC.DEL/14/06), Turkey
- (h) *The release of Mr. G. Zhakiyanov in Kazakhstan*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/23/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/33/06), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/18/06)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/22/06), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/36/06 OSCE+), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/34/06), Canada (PC.DEL/20/06), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/17/06), Armenia (PC.DEL/13/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/16/06), Norway, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/1/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment)

(PC.DEL/24/06), Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/31/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/15/06), Albania, Switzerland, Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/19/06), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE OSCE 2005 UNIFIED BUDGET REVISION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 715 (PC.DEC/715), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the OSCE 2005 Unified Budget revision.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 716 (PC.DEC/716), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 717 (PC.DEC/717), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE 2006 OSCE-THAILAND CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES TO GLOBAL SECURITY: FROM POVERTY TO PANDEMIC

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 718 (PC.DEC/718), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the 2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic.

Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Slovenia)

Agenda item 8: 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 (CIO.GAL/5/06): Chairperson*

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Secretary General*

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Extension of the mandates of the Personal Representatives of the
Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination,
also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and
Members of Other Religions; on Combating Anti-Semitism; and on Combating
Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (CIO.GAL/4/06):
Chairperson*

(b) *Provision of external auditing services to the OSCE: Norway*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 26 January 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal