

**Netherlands Chairmanship**

**447th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 10 April 2003

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.35 p.m.

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

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences on the occasion of the death of Mr. Gizo Grdzeldze, Senior Project Officer of the Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY MR. GEORGE SOROS

Chairperson, Mr. George Soros (PC.DEL/360/03), 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/405/03) United States of America, Russian Federation, Georgia, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Moldova, Romania (PC.DEL/397/03 Restr.), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Hungary, Serbia and Montenegro, Ukraine, Belarus

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Report by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media:* Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/5/03), 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/406/03), Ukraine, Chairperson, Russian Federation, Belarus, United States of America

- (b) *Visit of a delegation of ambassadors of OSCE participating States to Georgia from 28 March to 1 April 2003:* Georgia, 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/404/03), United States of America, Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/369/03 Restr.), Canada, Norway, Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (c) *Apprehension of Mr. Rajic by Croatia on a warrant of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia:* United States of America, Canada, Croatia (PC.DEL/396/03)
- (d) *Withdrawal of the arrest warrant against Mr. Bobetko by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia:* Croatia
- (e) *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/402/03), Norway, United States of America
- (f) *Ratification of the Additional Protocol No. 13 to the European Convention on Human Rights by Romania:* Romania
- (g) *Sixth Summit of the South-East European Cooperation Process, held in Belgrade on 9 April 2003:* Serbia and Montenegro
- (h) *Death of Mr. Gizo Grdzeldze in Ukraine:* Ukraine, Georgia

Agenda item 3:           DRAFT COMMON PLATFORM TO BE DELIVERED TO  
THE WESTERN BALKAN STATES IN PREPARATION OF  
THE OHRID CONFERENCE ON 22 AND 23 MAY 2003

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Greece-European Union, Serbia and  
Montenegro, Armenia, Albania

Agenda item 4:           REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON THE THIRD  
PREPARATORY SEMINAR FOR THE ELEVENTH  
MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities,  
United States of America, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan

Agenda item 5:        PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
                                 ECONOMIC FORUM

Chairperson, Greece-European Union (European Commission) (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/403/03),  
Russian Federation, Canada

Agenda item 6:        DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER  
                                 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE  
                                 ON GLOBALIZATION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 539 (PC.DEC/539),  
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and  
other organizational modalities of the Conference on Globalization.

Agenda item 7:        DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND  
                                 MODALITIES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY  
                                 REVIEW CONFERENCE (not adopted)

Chairperson, Azerbaijan, Georgia, United States of America, Ukraine,  
Russian Federation

Agenda item 8:        DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER  
                                 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE  
                                 ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 540 (PC.DEC/540),  
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and  
other organizational modalities of the Conference on Anti-Semitism.

Agenda item 9:        DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER  
                                 ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE  
                                 ON RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 541 (PC.DEC/541),  
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda, timetable and  
other organizational modalities of the Conference on Racism, Xenophobia and  
Discrimination.

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE 2003 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR CONFERENCES ON ANTI-SEMITISM, ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE ON GLOBALIZATION, CONFERENCE ON RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 542 (PC.DEC/542), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2003 supplementary budget for Conferences on Anti-Semitism, Annual Security Review Conference, Conference on Globalization, Conference on Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination.

Agenda item 11: DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 543 (PC.DEC/543), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the appointment of the External Auditor.

United Kingdom (statement, see Annex to the Journal)

Agenda item 12: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 13: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report of the Secretary General:* Representative of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/03 Restr.)
- (b) *Death of Mr. Gizo Grdzeliidze in Ukraine:* Representative of the Secretary General
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General at the Sixth Summit of the South-East European Cooperation Process, held in Belgrade on 9 April 2003:* Representative of the Secretary General
- (d) *Regional meeting of heads of missions, held in Ashgabad:* Representative of the Secretary General
- (e) *Appointment of the External Auditor:* Representative of the Secretary General
- (f) *Documents related to the implementation of Decision No. 486 of the Permanent Council:* Representative of the Secretary General

Agenda item 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a statement by Hungary (PC.DEL/372/03): Hungary*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Belgium, to be held on 18 May 2003: Belgium*
- (c) *Protocol issues related to participation of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and Partners for Co-operation at meetings of the Permanent Council: Bulgaria, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 2 May 2003, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex

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**STATEMENT  
BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Mr. Chairman,

I am grateful to delegations for approving the appointment of the National Audit Office as the next External Auditor of the OSCE. I am confident that the National Audit Office will continue the excellent work performed by the Swedish External Auditor over the past four years. I should like to make one point of clarification. The intention is for the National Audit Office to provide external audit services to the OSCE not just for one year, but for a three-year period, as foreseen in Article VIII of the Financial Regulations.

I request that this statement be included in the journal of the day.