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**Slovenian Chairmanship****571st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 6 October 2005

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Lenarčič

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Handling of Uzbek asylum seekers by Kyrgyzstan:* United States of America, Kyrgyzstan

(b) *Conclusions of the European Union's General Affairs and External Relations Council concerning Uzbekistan:* United Kingdom-European Union

(c) *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, to be held on 6 November 2005:* United States of America (PC.DEL/965/05), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, in alignment), Azerbaijan

(d) *The case of the newspaper Narodnaya Volya in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/966/05), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/978/05), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Belarus (PC.DEL/987/05)

(e) *Meeting of the mediators of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 26 and 27 September 2005:* Chairperson, Moldova

(PC.DEL/964/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/979/05), United States of America (PC.DEL/982/05), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/967/05 Restr.), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia) (PC.DEL/983/05)

- (f) *Preparations for the presidential elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 4 December 2005*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/962/05 OSCE+)
- (g) *Recent events in Northern Ireland*: Ireland (also on behalf of the United Kingdom)
- (h) *Conclusions of the European Union's General Affairs and External Relations Council concerning Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey*: United Kingdom-European Union, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey
- (i) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/986/05 Restr.), Georgia
- (j) *Parliamentary elections in Poland, held on 25 September 2005*: Belarus (PC.DEL/988/05), Poland (PC.DEL/990/05 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (k) *Incident during monitoring by the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference*: Chairperson, United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/980/05), Armenia, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty (PC.FR/18/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/981/05), Norway (PC.DEL/989/05), Russian Federation, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE OSCE ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN

Head of the OSCE Election Support Team to Afghanistan (SEC.GAL/209/05 OSCE+), United Kingdom-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the

countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/977/05), Canada (PC.DEL/985/05 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/991/05), Norway (PC.DEL/984/05 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/971/05 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 4:           DECISION ON THE AMENDED OSCE STAFF  
REGULATIONS AND RULES

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 689 (PC.DEC/689), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the amended OSCE Staff Regulations and Rules

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

*Announcement of the distribution of four written reports on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/134/05, CIO.GAL/141/05, CIO.GAL/144/05, CIO.GAL/145/05):* Chairperson

Agenda item 6:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)   *Meeting of an informal steering group on contingency planning for future arrangements in Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, held in Brussels on 3 October 2005:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b)   *OSCE Cross-border Co-operation Programme for South-Eastern Europe:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c)   *Regional Heads of Mission meeting, held in Yerevan on 3 and 4 October 2005:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)   *Implementation of the 2004 OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality:* Norway
- (b)   *Signing of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism:* Chairperson
- (c)   *Exhibition of photographs relating to Lithuania and the United States of America:* Chairperson

4.   Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 October 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal