462nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 24 July 2003
   Opened: 10 a.m.
   Suspended: 1.25 p.m.
   Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
   Closed: 4 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

   Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, H.E. MR. WALTER SCHWIMMER

   Chairperson, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
   (PC.DEL/896/03/Rev.1), Italy-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/906/03), United States of America, Russian Federation, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Moldova, Iceland, Belarus, Switzerland, Armenia, Canada, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Azerbaijan, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/144/03)

   Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

   (a) Situation in Turkmenistan: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/909/03), United States of America, Norway, Canada (also on behalf of Switzerland), Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
(b) **Matters of protocol**: Chairperson, Canada, Russian Federation, United States of America, Italy-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), Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Switzerland

(c) **Partnership Forum on Kyrgyz Statehood of the Third Millennium: New Ways and Mechanisms of Partnership of State Power and Civil Society, held in Bishkek on 19 July 2003**: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/902/03 Restr.), United States of America, Italy-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/910/03), Switzerland, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/916/03), Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Chairperson

(d) **Recent developments in the Transdniestrian conflict settlement**: Moldova (PC.DEL/903/03), United States of America, Italy-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/911/03), Russian Federation, Turkey, Chairperson

(e) **Situation in Belarus**: United States of America, Italy-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/912/03), Belarus, Chairperson

(f) ** Establishment of a war crimes tribunal in Serbia and Montenegro**: Serbia and Montenegro, United States of America, Italy-European Union (PC.DEL/915/03), Russian Federation, Chairperson

**Agenda item 3**: BRIEFING ON THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY BY AMBASSADOR ANDREAS NOTHELLE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Special Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Italy-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/913/03), United States of America, Belarus, Russian Federation, Chairperson

**Agenda item 4**: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
External Auditor, Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/146/03
Restr.), United States of America, Russian Federation, Italy-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/914/03),
Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2003 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR
ON THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SECURITY:
THE OSCE EXPERIENCE AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR
THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Chairperson, Italy-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/907/03)

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 556 (PC.DEC/556),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2003 Mediterranean
Seminar on the Comprehensive Approach to Security: The OSCE Experience
and its Relevance for the Mediterranean Region.

Bulgaria, Chairperson

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE OSCE ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 557 (PC.DEC/557),
the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the OSCE Action Plan to
Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.

Italy-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/908/03), United States of America, Switzerland, Armenia,
Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/145/03 Restr.): Chairperson
Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Dean of the Permanent Council (Azerbaijan), Belgium, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 July 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal