

Netherlands Chairmanship

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. Vosskübler

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