
Portuguese Chairmanship**396th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 6 June 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Suspended: 1.20 p.m.

Resumed: 3.40 p.m.

Closed: 4.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Lima Pimentel
Mr. C. Pais

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia (PC.FR/20/02 Restr.), Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/398/02), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/419/02), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Norway, Yugoslavia (PC.DEL/416/02), Croatia (PC.DEL/396/02), Chairperson (PC.DEL/405/02 Restr.)

Agenda item 2: OSCE ASSISTANCE GROUP TO CHECHNYA

Head of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya (PC.FR/21/02 Restr.), United States of America (PC.DEL/420/02), Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/399/02), Norway, Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/422/02), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/10/02/Rev.1 Restr.), Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/400/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/415/02), Canada, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/406/02 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2002 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 479 (PC.DEC/479), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the agenda for the 2002 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 480 (PC.DEC/480), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Belarus:* Chairperson, Belarus, Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/401/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/417/02/Corr.1), Canada, Russian Federation, Norway

(b) *Visa regime between Belarus and Poland, Latvia and Lithuania:* Belarus, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia (PC.DEL/412/02)

Right of reply: Belarus

(c) *Recent developments in Kyrgyzstan:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/397/02 Restr.), Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/404/02), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Norway, Chairperson, Switzerland

(d) *Death penalty in Uzbekistan:* Switzerland, Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta,

Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey)
(PC.DEL/408/02), Norway

- (e) *First meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held in Almaty from 3 to 5 June 2002:* Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkey) (PC.DEL/411/02), Spain-European Union (PC.DEL/409/02)
- (f) *Abolition of the death penalty:* Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/407/02), Switzerland, Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/421/02), Italy
- (g) *Proposals regarding the settlement of the conflict in Transnistria:* Chairperson, Spain-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/410/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/418/02), Russian Federation, Moldova, Ukraine
- (h) *Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by Japan on 4 June 2002:* Japan (Partner for Co-operation)
- (i) *Amendments to Azerbaijani law on grants:* Azerbaijan, Canada
- (j) *Appeal for voluntary contributions for the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Prison Reform, to be held in Vienna on 8 and 9 July 2002:* Chairperson, Estonia
- (k) *Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Permanent Council and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (CIO.GAL/40/02):* Chairperson, Russian Federation, Poland, Armenia, Romania

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

None

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *First meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held in Almaty from 3 to 5 June 2002:* Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *OSCE Projects Database:* Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

- (c) *OSCE-Thailand Conference on the Human Dimension of Security, to be held in Thailand on 20 and 21 June 2002*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) *Recruitment to the post of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 9: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Circulation of speaking notes of the Secretary General: Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Organizational matters related to the Permanent Council meeting: Switzerland*
- (b) *General elections in Sweden on 15 September 2002*: Sweden
- (c) *Summit of Visegrád and Benelux countries held in Trenčín, Slovakia, on 24 and 25 May 2002*: Slovakia
- (d) *Voluntary contributions for OSCE projects*: Italy
- (e) *Programme outline 2003*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 June 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal