
Romanian Chairmanship**349th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 23 August 2001

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota
Ms. V. Epure

The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Council to the delegation of the Principality of Andorra for the loss of the former Minister of External Relations, H.E. Mr. Manuel Mas Ribó, and to the delegation of Ukraine for the loss of lives in the recent mine accident.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Presidential elections in Belarus on 9 September 2001:* Chairman, Belarus, United States of America (PC.DEL/585/01), Belgium-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/584/01), Canada, Russian Federation, Poland

(b) *Kyrgyz presidential pardon of Mr. Topchubek Turgunaliyev and other developments in Central Asia:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/582/01), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/587/01), Belgium-European Union, Chairman

(c) *Recent incident in Paldiski, Estonia:* Russian Federation, Estonia, United States of America (PC.DEL/588/01), Turkey, Chairman

(d) *Conference on Europe Against Trafficking in Persons to be held in Berlin on 15 and 16 October 2001:* Germany, Chairman

- (e) *Visit of the German Parliamentary Minister of State to Uzbekistan from 2 to 7 August 2001*: Germany, Chairman
- (f) *Adoption of electoral law in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Belgium-European Union, Chairman

Agenda item 2: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

- (a) *Visit of the Chairman of the Permanent Council to Georgia from 6 to 11 August 2001*: Chairman
- (b) *Co-ordination meetings with the international community on security in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: Secretary General, Chairman

Agenda item 3: CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION ON FOLLOW-UP MEASURES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON "FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: NEW AND EXISTING CHALLENGES"

Chairman, Belgium-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/583/01)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF THE OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE (none adopted)

Chairman, United States of America (PC.DEL/586/01), United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Switzerland, Armenia, Turkey, the Czech Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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

Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Skopje on 13 August 2001: Representative of the Delegation of Romania

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Trafficking in human beings*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/01)
- (b) *Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the International Organization for Migration on 30 August 2001*: Secretary General
- (c) *OSCE Seminar on Preventive Functions of the OSCE: Experience, Possibilities, Tasks to be held in Kiev on 8 and 9 October 2001*: Secretary General

- (d) *Recruitment for the post of Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities: Secretary General*
- (e) *Management of the OSCE: Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Permanent Council Decision No. 436 on the supplementary budget for the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*

The Chairman announced that the silence procedure regarding the decision on the supplementary budget for the OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has not been broken (see PC.DEC/436/Corr.1, the text of which is appended to this Journal).

- (b) *Benefit gala in co-operation with CARE Austria to be held on 27 September 2001: Chairman*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 August 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal