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**Belgian Chairmanship****607th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 4 May 2006  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Closed: 1.25 p.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe
  
3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY MR. VOLODYMYR KHOLOSHA,  
UKRAINIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY  
SITUATIONS AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE  
POPULATION FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE  
CHERNOBYL CATASTROPHE

Ukrainian Deputy Minister for Emergency Situations and for the Protection of the Population from the Consequences of the Chernobyl Catastrophe (PC.DEL/395/06), Russian Federation (also on behalf of Belarus and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/396/06/Corr.1), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/402/06), Canada (PC.DEL/398/06), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/408/06 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/404/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/413/06), Belarus, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR MAYOR AND  
PROFESSOR AYDIN, CO-CHAIRS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL GROUP FOR THE  
ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Chairperson, Co-Chairs of the United Nations High-Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations, Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/399/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/411/06 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/406/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/403/06), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/407/06), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/412/06), Armenia, Belarus

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Arrests of members of the political opposition in Belarus*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/400/06), Canada (PC.DEL/397/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/416/06), Belarus, Chairperson
- (b) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/401/06), United States of America
- (c) *Constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: United States of America (PC.DEL/415/06), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson
- (d) *Sixteenth World Press Freedom Day*: United States of America (PC.DEL/419/06)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/67/06)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Regional meeting of OSCE heads of mission in Central Asia, held in Bishkek on 27 and 28 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *Meeting of the Steering Group on Contingency Planning for Future Institutional Arrangements in Kosovo, held in Vienna on 28 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/06 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (c) *Summit of the South-East European Cooperation Process, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 4 May 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/06 OSCE+)
- (d) *Regional conference on combating trafficking in human beings in Central Asia, to be held in Astana on 18 and 19 May 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to be held on 5 July 2006:* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (b) *Seminar on combating trafficking in human beings, held in Kiev on 28 April 2006:* Ukraine
- (c) *Regional conference on combating trafficking in human beings in Central Asia, to be held in Astana on 18 and 19 May 2006:* Kazakhstan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 May 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal