

Romanian Chairmanship

335th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 3 May 2001

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota
Mr. T. Chebeleu

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES
 - (a) *Joint Control Commission on the settlement of the conflict in Georgia:* Georgia, Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/275/01), Russian Federation
 - (b) *Expulsion of Czech journalist from Belarus:* Belarus
 - (c) *Recent violent incidents in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* Chairman, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/287/01), Czech Republic (also on behalf of Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), United States of America (PC.DEL/285/01), Albania, Turkey, Sweden-European Union, Norway, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Secretary General
 - (d) *Attacks against opposition parties in Kazakhstan:* Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/281/01)
 - (e) *Situation in Central Asia:* Uzbekistan, United States of America (PC.DEL/289/01), Sweden-European Union, Switzerland, Chairman
 - (f) *Visit of OSCE delegations to Moldova from 24 to 27 April 2001:* Ukraine

Agenda item 2: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

- (a) *Visit of OSCE delegations to Moldova from 24 to 27 April 2001*: Portugal, Moldova, Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/276/01), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/282/01), Russian Federation, France, Switzerland, Azerbaijan, Chairman, Armenia

Statement by the Permanent Council: The Permanent Council adopted a statement concerning a humanitarian appeal for the release of Mr. Ilascu and other persons, the text of which is annexed to this Journal.

- (b) *Regional OSCE Heads of Mission meetings in Bishkek, on 23 and 24 April 2001, and in Baku, on 25 and 26 April 2001*: Secretary General
- (c) *Georgia border monitoring*: Secretary General
- (d) *Staff for proposed Kosovo-wide elections in 2001*: Secretary General

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/16/01), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/277/01), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/280/01), Russian Federation, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/288/01), Turkmenistan, Turkey (PC.DEL/284/01), Uzbekistan, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/273/01), Chairman

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

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit to Central Asia from 23 to 28 April 2001*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/62/01)
- (b) *OSCE website*: Secretary General
- (c) *Public information*: Secretary General
- (d) *Work of the acting Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*: Secretary General, Chairman

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Future structure and role of the OSCE*: Chairman
- (b) *Seventh summit of Turkish-speaking countries, held in Istanbul on 26 and 27 April 2001*: Turkey (PC.DEL/286/01)
- (c) *Convention on Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE*: Malta
- (d) *Future OSCE Chairmanships*: Greece (PC.DEL/278/01), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/279/01), Finland (PC.DEL/270/01), Slovenia (PC.DEL/290/01),
Chairman

4. Next meeting:

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



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Annex

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STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

During the recent visit to Moldova by permanent representatives of OSCE participating States to the Permanent Council, members of the delegation had an opportunity to visit Mr. Ilascu in the jail in Tiraspol (Moldova) in which he has been imprisoned, along with three other persons, since June 1992.

In view of the poor state of health of Mr. Ilascu and his colleagues, the OSCE Permanent Council urgently calls upon the leaders of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova to release them on humanitarian grounds.