

Romanian Chairmanship

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(355th PLENARY MEETING)**

1. Date: Friday, 21 September 2001

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE OF
THE OSCE

- (a) *Address on terrorism:* Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/45/01), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/696/01 Restr.), 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/686/01), United States of America (PC.DEL/694/01), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Armenia (PC.DEL/695/01), Switzerland, Norway, Canada, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/172/01), Estonia, Chairman

Statement by the Permanent Council: The Permanent Council adopted a statement expressing concern about reports of recent anti-Muslim incidents and violence in several OSCE countries following last week's terror attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the text of which is attached to this Journal as an Annex.

- (b) *Address on visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Skopje on 14 September 2001:* Chairman-in-Office, 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/688/01), United States of America, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/689/01), Russian Federation, Ukraine (also on behalf of

Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Uzbekistan), Switzerland, Yugoslavia
(PC.DEL/690/01), Norway, Chairman, Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor
Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/36/01 Restr.), Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/174/01)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 September 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

The OSCE Permanent Council expresses its concern about reports of recent anti-Muslim incidents and violence in several OSCE countries following last week's terror attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

The Permanent Council joins the OSCE Chairman-in-Office in condemning last week's terror attacks as barbaric and despicable acts, and expresses the hope that those responsible will be swiftly brought to justice, and that OSCE participating States will take the necessary steps to confront and defeat this terrorist violence.

The Permanent Council shares the outrage that followed the terror attacks and deplores any act of vengeance directed against individuals due solely to their ethnic identity, religion or belief. The Permanent Council stresses that justifiable loathing for terrorists must not be generalized to whole religious or ethnic groups with which suspected terrorists may share a claim to the same faith or origin. The Permanent Council emphasizes that last week's terror attacks do not reflect a clash between religions or cultures, but a clash between the values of the civilized world on the one hand, and those fanatics who have no respect for human life on the other. The Permanent Council underscores its view that those who committed those atrocities have committed violence against their faith as well as against the victims in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.