

Romanian Chairmanship

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(371st PLENARY MEETING)**

1. Date: Monday, 3 December 2001

Opened: 12.05 a.m.

Suspended: 12.10 a.m.

Resumed: 11.05 a.m. (Tuesday, 4 December 2001)

Suspended: 11.50 a.m.

Resumed: 12.30 p.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE FORWARDING OF A DRAFT
AGENDA TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 445 (PC.DEC/445), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE FORWARDING OF DRAFT
DOCUMENTS TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairman, Turkmenistan (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Russian Federation, Uzbekistan, Norway, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), Bulgaria (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Croatia, Slovenia

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 446 (PC.DEC/446/Corr.2), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the forwarding of draft documents to the Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Statement by the Delegation of Poland regarding the draft decision on the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism:* Poland (Annex),
Chairman
- (b) *Decision on the establishment of the seconded post of senior police adviser in the OSCE Secretariat:* Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m., adopted a decision on the establishment of the seconded post of senior police adviser in the OSCE Secretariat, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

- (c) *Decision on reaching an interim agreement on the Helsinki Scale of Assessments:* Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 447 (PC.DEC/447/Corr.1), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on reaching an interim agreement on the Helsinki Scale of Assessments.

Chairman, Spain (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan) (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Greece (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision)

- (d) *Matters of protocol:* Chairman, Austria (Dean of the Permanent Council)
United States of America

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 December 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF POLAND

You may recall that this delegation suggested on many occasions during the proceedings of the Working Group on Terrorism that a reference to the results of the Conference on Combating Terrorism, held in Warsaw on 6 November this year, be included in the OSCE Decision on Terrorism.

This suggestion was not a “manifestation of ego”. We thought that reference in the OSCE document to the deliberations of 17 Heads of OSCE States, which the OSCE was also invited to and took part in, is fully justified and adds some value to this document. I would even say that such a reference is particularly appropriate in the OSCE context, since we so often emphasize inclusiveness and the comprehensive approach of our Organization, as well as the importance of regional co-operation, the need for an exchange of information and mutually reinforcing actions. And it is the OSCE that developed the concept of a Platform for Co-operative Security, into which the results of the Warsaw Conference, as the beginning of an ongoing process, in our opinion, fit extremely well.

It is encouraging that our approach was shared and actively supported by a number of delegations. We would like to thank them all.

At the same time we completely fail to understand those few who objected and/or have not even made an effort to give this suggestion a chance to be assessed on its merits. Conclusion: we do not want such a reference any more. And - to be clear, Mr. Chairman - our decision was taken not “in the spirit of a lowest common denominator-type of compromise”. It was taken because of the respect for our Heads of State, who, in a very short time, were able to agree on a very substantial document and initiative.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.