
Belgian Chairmanship**605th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 27 April 2006

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Egypt in connection with the terrorist attack in Dahab, Egypt, on 24 April 2006 (CIO.GAL/64/06 OSCE+). The Council observed a minute of silence. Egypt (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation) expressed its appreciation to the Council.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE

Chairperson (CIO.GAL/62/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE EUROPEAN UNION SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MOLDOVA, MR. A. JACOBVITS DE SZEGED

Chairperson, European Union Special Representative for Moldova (PC.DEL/363/06 OSCE+), 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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/374/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/379/06), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia) (PC.DEL/385/06 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Ukraine (PC.DEL/383/06 OSCE+), Armenia, Moldova (PC.DEL/382/06), Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Death of a French mine-clearance expert in Tajikistan*: Chairperson, France
- (b) *Situation in Kyrgyzstan and attack on a civil society leader in Bishkek*: 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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/376/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/377/06), Kyrgyzstan
- (c) *Report on the ODIHR trial monitoring in Uzbekistan*: 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/375/06), Norway (PC.DEL/387/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/378/06), Canada, Uzbekistan, Chairperson
- (d) *The case of Mr. G. Durdykuliev and the situation in Turkmenistan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/380/06), Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (e) *OSCE environmental activities and the celebration of the 35th anniversary of Earth Day*: United States of America (PC.DEL/381/06), Chairperson, Belarus
- (f) *Report of the ODIHR on the parliamentary elections in Canada held on 23 January 2006*: Canada, Belarus (PC.DEL/386/06 OSCE+)
- (g) *Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant*: Belarus (PC.DEL/386/06 OSCE+), Ukraine, Chairperson

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

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/65/06)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting of the Chairman-in-Office with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*: Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of the Special Envoy of the Chairmanship to Moldova*: Chairperson
- (d) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Fourth expert-level meeting on inter-State co-operation in war crimes proceedings, held in Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro, on 10 and 11 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *Seminar on Gender in Civil-Military Relations: Moving Towards Inclusion, held in the Netherlands from 10 to 12 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Minsk on 19 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (d) *Meeting with the Minister of Defence of Denmark, on 20 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (e) *2006 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Challenges to Global Security: From Poverty to Pandemic, held in Bangkok on 25 and 26 April 2006:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (f) *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/67/06 OSCE+)
- (g) *Appointment of the Head of Press and Public Information:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)
- (h) *Condolences on the death of a French mine-clearance expert in Tajikistan:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/67/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

OSCE Human Dimension Seminar on Upholding the Rule of Law and Due Process in Criminal Justice Systems, to be held in Warsaw from 10 to 12 May 2006: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 3 May 2006, at 4 p.m., in the Neuer Saal