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**Belgian Chairmanship****619th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 July 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON  
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/6/06 OSCE+), Finland-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 and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/736/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/739/06 OSCE+), Canada, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Armenia, United States of America (PC.DEL/743/06), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: **REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES**

(a) *Recent developments in Georgia and the closure of a checkpoint on the Georgian-Russian border*: Chairperson, Finland-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; 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/737/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/746/06),

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/733/06 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/748/06 OSCE+)

- (b) *Final report of the ODIHR on the presidential elections in Belarus, held on 19 March 2006, and the election-related activities of the ODIHR:* Belarus (PC.DEL/745/06 OSCE+), Finland-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; 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/735/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/738/06 OSCE+), Austria (PC.DEL/749/06), Uzbekistan, Canada, Chairperson
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 5 July 2006:* Finland-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; 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/734/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/744/06), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (d) *Return of Uzbek refugees from Kyrgyzstan:* United States of America, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Chairperson
- (e) *Central Asia plus Japan dialogue and Japan's policy towards Central Asia:* Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/732/06), Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 3:           DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND  
                                  FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
                                  31 DECEMBER 2005 AND THE REPORT OF THE  
                                  EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 737 (PC.DEC/737), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 and the Report of the External Auditor.

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

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 18 July 2006, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal