

Chairmanship: Spain

659th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 29 March 2007

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

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

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Freedom of assembly in Belarus and the Russian Federation*: Germany-European Union (with 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 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/285/07), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/293/07) (PC.DEL/297/07), Belarus
- (b) *Bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade*: Germany-European Union (PC.DEL/290/07), United Kingdom, Armenia
- (c) *Establishment of a power-sharing executive in Northern Ireland*: United Kingdom (also on behalf of Ireland)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE EXPERT CONFERENCE ON FIGHTING THE THREAT OF ILLICIT DRUGS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 790 (PC.DEC/790), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the OSCE Expert Conference on Fighting the Threat of Illicit Drugs.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE POLITICAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN COUNTERING TERRORISM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council placed the decision on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism, the text of which is appended to this journal, under a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Monday, 2 April 2007, at 5 p.m. CET.

Agenda item 4: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia (PC.FR/4/07 OSCE+), Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries 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 Montenegro; and the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/288/07), Norway (PC.DEL/281/07 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/282/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/294/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/279/07 OSCE+), Croatia (PC.DEL/289/07), Serbia (PC.DEL/292/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (PC.FR/5/07 OSCE+), Germany-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/287/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/299/07 OSCE+), Armenia, Canada (PC.DEL/283/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/295/07), Georgia (PC.DEL/291/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/1/07/Rev.1), Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/277/07 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Belarus, Germany-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment (PC.DEL/286/07), Canada (PC.DEL/284/07), Armenia, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/298/07 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/296/07), Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office: Chairperson*

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Chairperson*

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Iceland, to be held on 12 May 2007: Iceland
(PC.DEL/301/07)*
- (b) *Chairman-in-Office's Directive No. 9 for the OSCE High-Level Planning
Group (CIO.GAL/47/07 OSCE+): Chairperson (CIO.GAL/49/07 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Selection process for the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on
National Minorities: Chairperson*
- (d) *Report on the progress made in the negotiations on the OSCE Financial
Regulations (PC.ACMF/32/07 Restr.): Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 April 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION ON THE
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE POLITICAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP IN COUNTERING TERRORISM, SUBJECT
TO A SILENCE PROCEDURE EXPIRING ON
MONDAY, 2 APRIL 2007, AT 5 P.M. CET**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 756 on the OSCE work programme for 2007 on preventing and combating terrorism,

Taking into account its Decision No. 782 on the dates of the 2007 OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism,

Approves the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the above-mentioned Conference contained in the annex to this decision.

Tasks the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) to develop a detailed annotated agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2007 OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism.

**OSCE POLITICAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE: “PARTNERSHIP OF STATE AUTHORITIES, CIVIL
SOCIETY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN
COMBATING TERRORISM”**

Vienna, 31 May and 1 June 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Thursday, 31 May 2007

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session: Welcoming remarks by representatives of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Secretary General and the United Nations. Statements by Heads of the Russian and the United States delegations.
- 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Public-private partnerships (PPPs) that promote economic stability and security and address underlying factors, such as social, political and economic conditions that terrorists exploit.
- 3–5.30 p.m. Working session 2: PPPs that promote tolerance, human rights, the rule of law, democracy, good governance and inter-faith dialogue. PPPs with media (including the Internet) and educational institutions that promote public awareness and outreach, while encouraging intercultural, inter-religious diversity.

Friday, 1 June 2007

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 3: PPPs to protect critical infrastructure (i.e., relating to transportation, energy, ports, borders, aviation and cyber-security) and address preparedness/consequence-management issues.
- 2.30–4.30 p.m. Working session 4: PPPs to counter the financing of terrorism and address business-related risks (e.g., insurance, reputation) linked to terrorism.
- 4.30–5.30 p.m. Closing session: Summary of recommendations by the representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

II. Organizational modalities

A representative of the Chairman-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each of the working sessions will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as the co-ordinator(s) to prepare the session.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Simultaneous interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The representative of the Chairman-in-Office will present a Chairperson's summary of the Conference at the closing session. This summary will be prepared in advance in close consultation with participating States and will contain a set of recommendations aimed at enhancing the counter-terrorism actions of national actors, international organizations, civil society and the business community, and a compilation of best PPP practices/case studies.

The Secretary General will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate. The opening and closing sessions of the Conference will be open to the media.

III. Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for co-ordination of counter-terrorism activities. Given the purpose of the Conference to build partnership among State authorities, civil society and the business community, national delegations may include representatives of governments, NGOs, academia/think-tanks, the legal community, and civil society; major media outlets; TV- and radio-broadcasting companies; Internet-related companies; and the business community, in particular major transport, financial/banking, insurance and energy companies.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The United Nations and other international organizations involved in counter-terrorism activities will also be invited.

Guidelines for speakers

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, keynote presentations will be limited to 15-20 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions in their presentations. Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking to and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions in the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects covered by the working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the session concerned, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session and other relevant information.

Personal views will not be advanced.

Guidelines on timing for submission and distribution of written contributions and factual information

By 17 May 2007, the keynote speakers should submit written contributions. International organizations are invited to submit in writing factual information on their organizations that would be useful for the participants. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the Conference.

By 21 May 2007 in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the ATU, the participants in the Conference should inform the ATU, through their permanent missions to the OSCE in Vienna only, of the composition of their delegations.

By 25 May 2007, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions and factual information should be submitted to the ATU which will then distribute them.