
Austrian Chairmanship**283rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 18 May 2000

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Repression of the media in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*: OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/8/00), Chairperson (SEC.INF/261/00), Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/275/00), Canada, Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/280/00) (SEC.DEL/133/00), Norway, Russian Federation, Albania
- (b) *Visit of the Minister for Defence of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to Moscow from 7 to 12 May 2000*: Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/276/00), United States of America (PC.DEL/281/00), Croatia
- (c) *Return of the OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya*: Chairperson, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/278/00), United States of America, Russian Federation, Czech Republic
- (d) *Ministerial Meeting of the Human Security Network in Lucerne on 11 and 12 May 2000*: Switzerland (SEC.DEL/130/00)

- (e) *Meeting between the President of the Republic of Moldova and the leadership of Trans-Dniestria on 16 May 2000:* Moldova (SEC.DEL/132/00)
- (f) *Situation in Latvia:* Russian Federation, Latvia

Agenda item 2: OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje, Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/277/00), Ukraine, Switzerland, United States of America, Romania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON ELECTIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 350 (PC.DEC/350), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Netherlands, Chairperson, Canada

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR GENDER ISSUES (none adopted)

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Visit of OSCE delegations to Central Asia from 9 to 14 July 2000: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Recruitment of personnel for the border monitoring operation of the OSCE Mission to Georgia: Chairperson*
- (b) *Workshop on “Co-operative Security in Europe and its Relevance for Asia-Pacific: The OSCE Experience” in Singapore from 31 May to 2 June 2000: Germany (PC.DEL/279/00)*
- (c) *Meeting of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 10 and 11 May 2000: Italy (SEC.GAL/45/00)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 May 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal



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**DECISION No. 350
SUPERVISION AND DATES OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Permanent Council,

Also taking into consideration the recommendation of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council agreed upon at its meeting in Lisbon on 5 May 2000, as well as the statements of High Representative Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch and Ambassador Robert Barry, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the meeting of the Permanent Council on 11 May 2000,

- Decides that the OSCE will supervise general elections in the autumn of the year 2000 in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Recommends to the Provisional Election Commission that it should take a decision on holding general elections on 11 November 2000;
- Authorizes the Secretary General to take necessary preparatory action.