
Austrian Chairmanship

276th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 23 March 2000

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.
Closed: 5.35 p.m.

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

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF CROATIA

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia (PC.DEL/159/00), United States of America, Russian Federation, Slovenia (PC.DEL/167/00), Switzerland, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/166/00), Canada, 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/161/00), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO CROATIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 345 (PC.DEC/345), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF KYRGYZSTAN

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/165/00), 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/162/00), Russian Federation, Switzerland, United States of America, Canada, Norway, Kazakhstan, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/27/00), United Kingdom, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/164/00), Deputy Director of the ODIHR, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Report by the Representative on Freedom of the Media on the Current Media Situation in Ukraine (FOM.GAL/4/00):* Ukraine, Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media
- (b) *Adoption of law on the rights of children by the French Parliament:* France
- (c) *Szeged Conference on strengthening of free media on 23 and 24 March 2000:* Hungary (PC.DEL/160/00)
- (d) *Situation in Belarus:* 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/163/00), Belarus, United States of America, Chairperson
- (e) *Situation in Latvia:* Russian Federation, Latvia
- (f) *Situation in Chechnya:* United States of America, Russian Federation, 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), Ireland (PC.DEL/168/00)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXPANSION OF THE BORDER
OBSERVATION OPERATION OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
GEORGIA

Discussion postponed

Agenda item 6: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA
AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Portugal-European Union, United States of America, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Belarus, Slovenia, Norway, Canada, Poland, Turkey, Slovak Republic, Albania, Spain, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Denmark, Greece, Hungary

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

- (a) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for South Eastern Europe (CIO.GAL/16/00) (CIO.GAL/14/00), Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting with the Secretary General of NATO in Brussels on 20 March 2000:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan:* Secretary General
- (b) *Meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on 16 March 2000:* Secretary General
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Georgia on 20 and 21 March 2000:* Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 March 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Redoutensaal