
Bulgarian Chairmanship**538th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL/Corrected reissue***

1. Date: Thursday, 16 December 2004

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 5 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING TRAFFICKING
IN HUMAN BEINGS**

Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SEC.GAL/286/04 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1229/04), United States of America, Norway (PC.DEL/1222/04), Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1218/04 OSCE+), Switzerland, Moldova (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine), Moldova (PC.DEL/1220/04), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/1236/04 Restr.), Armenia (PC.DEL/1221/04), Iceland, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: **REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/29/04/Rev.1), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1228/04), United States of America, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland, Canada, Moldova (PC.DEL/1219/04), Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/1235/04 Restr.),

* Incorporates a correction to agenda item 3(c).

Russian Federation, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Albania, Uzbekistan, Belarus,
Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/288/04 Restr.),
Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan, to be held on 26 December 2004:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1226/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1233/04), Uzbekistan
- (b) *Death penalty in the United States of America:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1231/04), United States of America
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Tajikistan:* Tajikistan

Agenda item 4: DECISIONS ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES
OF FIELD OPERATIONS

- (a) *OSCE Presence in Albania:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 643 (PC.DEC/643), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania.

- (b) *OSCE Mission to Croatia:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 644 (PC.DEC/644), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

- (c) *OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 645 (PC.DEC/645), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro.

- (d) *OSCE Mission in Kosovo:* Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 646 (PC.DEC/646), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Serbia and Montenegro (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

- (e) *OSCE Centre in Almaty*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 647 (PC.DEC/647), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Almaty.

- (f) *OSCE Centre in Bishkek*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 648 (PC.DEC/648), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek.

- (g) *OSCE Centre in Dushanbe*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 649 (PC.DEC/649), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.

- (h) *OSCE Mission to Georgia*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 650 (PC.DEC/650), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

- (i) *OSCE Mission to Moldova*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 651 (PC.DEC/651), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

- (j) *OSCE Office in Baku*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 652 (PC.DEC/652), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku.

- (k) *OSCE Office in Minsk*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council, subject to a silence procedure expiring on Tuesday, 28 December 2004, at 12 noon, adopted the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Minsk.

- (l) *OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 653 (PC.DEC/653), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2005 OSCE-KOREA CONFERENCE
ON NEW SECURITY THREATS AND A NEW SECURITY
PARADIGM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 654 (PC.DEC/654), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2005 OSCE-Korea Conference on New Security Threats and a New Security Paradigm.

Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

Agenda item 6: OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1230/04), United States of America, Norway, Canada, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Chairperson

Agenda item 7: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/37/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1227/04), United States of America, Norway, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 8: OSCE CENTRE IN BAKU

Head of the OSCE Centre in Baku (PC.FR/36/04/Rev.1 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania in alignment) (PC.DEL/1232/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1234/04), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 9: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 10: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/289/04 Restr.): Chairperson

Agenda item 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the countries of South-Eastern Europe, held in Tirana on 9 and 10 December 2004 (SEC.DEL/306/04):* Albania

- (b) *Meeting of the Ministers of Justice of the Western Balkan countries, held in Tirana on 24 September 2004 (SEC.DEL/307/04):* Albania
- (c) *Level of attendance at meetings of the Permanent Council:* Albania
- (d) *Matters of protocol:* Albania, Chairperson, Georgia
- (e) *Organizational matters:* Georgia, Chairperson
- (f) *Media reports on OSCE activities along the Russian-Georgian border:* Russian Federation, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 January 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal