
Norwegian Chairmanship

246th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 September 1999

Opened: 10.30 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn

The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Council on the tragic death of Yannis Kranidiotis, Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, and those accompanying him.

Greece

The Chairman also expressed the condolences of the Council in connection with the recent bombings which had occurred in Moscow and in Volgodonsk.

Russian Federation

The Chairman made several announcements on organizational matters regarding the Review Conference, the drawing of lots to determine the order of speakers for the Istanbul Summit, the adoption of the modalities for the Istanbul Summit and the planned address of United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette to the Permanent Council on 7 October.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Chairman, Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/5/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/455/99), Romania, Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/467/99)

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAD

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad, Chairman, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/456/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/465/99), Switzerland, Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/461/99)

Agenda item 3: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/458/99), Canada, Russian Federation, Albania, United States of America

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Roma/Sinti Issues on 6 September 1999*: Chairman, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/457/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/469/99), Romania
- (b) *International conference on "Co-operation between the Baltic and the Black Sea Region towards the Integrated Europe of the Twenty-First Century without Lines of Division"*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/460/99)
- (c) *Situation in Belarus*: United States of America, Belarus
- (d) *Announcement of intention of Belarus to sign the Convention on Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE*: Belarus
- (e) *Condolences expressed to the Russian Federation in connection with the recent bombings*: Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/459/99), Belarus, Switzerland, Ukraine (PC.DEL/462/99), Russian Federation, United States of America, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (f) *Minority refugee returns in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: United States of America (PC.DEL/468/99), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office and the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group on 9 September 1999:* Chairman
- (b) *Chairman-in-Office statement on the situation in Dagestan:* Chairman
- (c) *Appointment of the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan:* Chairman

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Report on the Secretary General's recent participation in meetings and recent visits:* Secretary General
- (b) *Participation of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre in the Budapest meeting of the Task Force on the Future of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 9 September 1999:* Secretary General
- (c) *Secretariat preparation for and participation in the Review Conference:*
Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Situation in East Timor:* Portugal, Chairman
- (b) *Condolences expressed to Greece on the tragic death of Yannis Kranidiotis, Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, and those accompanying him:* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (c) *Announcement of dates for the presidential election in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 September 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal