
Netherlands Chairmanship**487th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 11 December 2003

Opened: 10 a.m.

Suspended: 12.55 p.m.

Resumed: 3.05 p.m.

Closed: 4.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. de Visser
Mr. K. Vosskühler

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the Russian Federation in connection with the terrorist acts in Moscow on 9 December 2003 and in southern Russia on 5 December 2003. The Russian Federation thanked the Chairperson.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN KOSOVO, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. HARRI HOLKERI

Head of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (PC.DEL/1453/03), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1456/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1462/03), Norway, Russian Federation, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro, Chairperson

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

Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/12/03), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the

associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1457/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1466/03), Armenia, Switzerland, Italy (PC.DEL/1454/03), Ukraine, Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/1455/03), Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Kazakhstan, Germany, Albania, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Death penalty in Kazakhstan*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1459/03), Kazakhstan
- (b) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1460/03), Switzerland, United States of America
- (c) *Simplification of visa regulations between Belarus and Lithuania*: Belarus, Lithuania
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation on 7 December 2003*: Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1461/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1463/03), Canada, Belarus, Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/36/03 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1458/03), United States of America (PC.DEL/1464/03), Norway, Switzerland (also on behalf of Canada), Russian Federation, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Kyrgyzstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 573 (PC.DEC/573), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 574 (PC.DEC/574), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION TO GEORGIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 575 (PC.DEC/575), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Georgia.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 576 (PC.DEC/576), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

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

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

Agenda item 10: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Georgia Election Assistance Programme:* Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/224/03 Restr.)
- (b) *Activities of the Action against Terrorism Unit:* Secretary General
- (c) *OSCE Academy in Bishkek:* Secretary General
- (d) *Vacancies in the OSCE Mission in Kosovo:* Secretary General
- (e) *Senior management positions in 2004:* Secretary General

Agenda item 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Short-term observers for the elections in Georgia and Serbia and Montenegro:*
Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting of the informal group of friends on terrorism:* France
- (c) *Seventieth anniversary of the famine in Ukraine:* Ukraine
- (d) *OSCE Centre in Bishkek:* Kyrgyzstan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 December 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal