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708th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. <u>Date</u>: Thursday, 10 April 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.
Suspended: 10.50 a.m.
Resumed: 11 a.m.
Suspended 12.50 p.m.
Resumed: 4 p.m.
Closed: 4.50 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Mr. A. Turunen

Mr. V. Vasara

3. <u>Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE OF THE

OSCE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND,

H.E. ALEXANDER STUBB

Chairperson, Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/59/08), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/269/08), Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova) (PC.DEL/285/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/261/08 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/266/08 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/268/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/265/08), Holy See, Serbia (PC.DEL/281/08)

Agenda item 2: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE

OUTCOME OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS FORUM AND ON A POSSIBLE OSCE CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THE ALLIANCE

OF CIVILIZATIONS

Secretary General (SEC.GAL/50/08/Rev.1), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/273/08), Spain (also on behalf of Turkey) (PC.DEL/267/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/260/08 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, United States of America (PC.DEL/262/08), Holy See, Algeria (Partner for Co-operation), Algeria (Partners for Co-operation)) (PC.DEL/290/08), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Morocco (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/9/08/Rev.1 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/270/08/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/277/08 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/264/08), Ukraine (PC.DEL/276/08), Moldova (PC.DEL/279/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) International Roma Day, 8 April 2008: Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/272/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/263/08)
- (b) United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 7/10, on human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/288/08 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/283/08 OSCE+)
- (c) Freedom of assembly in Armenia: Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and

Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/271/08), Armenia

- (d) Recent developments in Kosovo: Serbia (PC.DEL/282/08 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/284/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union, Albania
- (e) Release of the film "Fitna": Turkey (PC.DEL/278/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/280/08), Tunisia (Partner for Co-operation), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Algeria (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/291/08), Netherlands (PC.DEL/275/08), Slovenia-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/287/08 OSCE+), Chairperson

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

None

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/08 OSCE+): Secretary General
- (b) Meeting of the Secretary General with the President of Afghanistan, H.E. Hamid Karzai, in Budapest on 4 April 2008: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/08 OSCE+)
- (c) Extra-budgetary project on gender-sensitive migration policies: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/08 OSCE+)
- (d) Annual Meeting of the Focal Points for Gender Issues, held in Vienna, on 31 March and 1 April 2008: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Russian Federation
- (b) *NATO enlargement*: Croatia (also on behalf of Albania) (PC.DEL/274/08), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/289/08)
- (c) Parliamentary elections in Lithuania, to be held on 12 October 2008: Lithuania (PC.DEL/286/08)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 April 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal