



Portuguese Chairmanship

420th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 14 November 2002

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Suspended: 1.15 p.m.

Resumed: 3.15 p.m.

Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Pais

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the Minsk Conference, Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/932/02), Turkey (PC.DEL/931/02), Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE MINSK CONFERENCE

Discussion under agenda item 1

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAD

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabad (PC.FR/39/02), Denmark-European Union (with Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic in alignment) (PC.DEL/934/02), United States of America, Russian Federation, Turkey

(PC.DEL/940/02), Switzerland, Canada, Norway, Turkmenistan
(PC.DEL/933/02), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR 2001

Chairperson, External Auditor

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 501 (PC.DEC/501), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the audited financial statements for 2001.

United States of America, Slovenia, Denmark-European Union,
Russian Federation

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION RELATING TO
THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2001

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 502 (PC.DEC/502), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the follow-up action relating to the audited financial statements for 2001.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Statement by the Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America on his visit to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan:* United States of America, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/930/02 Restr.), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/941/02), Russian Federation, Uzbekistan, Denmark-European Union
- (b) *Advisory and Monitoring Group in Belarus:* Chairperson, Belarus, United States of America, Denmark-European Union, Czech Republic, Canada, Poland, Norway
- (c) *Law on freedom of conscience and religious organizations in Belarus:* Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/935/02), Belarus
- (d) *Border situation between Poland and Belarus:* Belarus, Poland, Russian Federation
- (e) *Media situation in Ukraine:* Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/937/02), United States of America, Ukraine

- (f) *Abolition of the death penalty*: Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/938/02), Norway
- (g) *Investigation regarding the case of a journalist in Kazakhstan*: Kazakhstan
- (h) *Release of a British citizen kidnapped by terrorists in Georgia*: Georgia, United Kingdom
- (i) *Bilateral agreement on co-operation in the field of protection of national minorities between Romania and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*: Yugoslavia (also on behalf of Romania) (PC.DEL/942/02)
- (j) *Meeting on joint commissions and the implementation of bilateral agreements in the field of minorities, to be held in Poiana Brasov, Romania, on 18 and 19 November 2002*: Romania (PC.DEL/944/02)

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

None

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Financial statements 2001*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Medium-term plan of Internal Oversight*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Meeting of the European Union working group on OSCE issues, held in Brussels on 13 November 2002*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Activities of the Strategic Police Matters Unit*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *Press and Public Information Section round table meeting, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 November 2002*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 9: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

South-Eastern Europe Heads of Mission meeting, held in Skopje on 11 and 12 November 2002: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Extra-budgetary contributions towards police activities in Kyrgyzstan*: Sweden, United Kingdom

- (b) *Report by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on the parliamentary elections in Slovakia, held on 20 and 21 September 2002: Slovakia (PC.DEL/936/02)*
- (c) *Extra-budgetary contributions towards police activities in Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Germany, Yugoslavia*
- (d) *Organizational matters related to the Tenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 November 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal