
Bulgarian Chairmanship**535th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 2 December 2004

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Petrov

The Chairperson announced that a revised draft agenda with additional items will be issued in the course of the meeting.

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL ENVOY OF THE OSCE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE IN CENTRAL ASIA AND
FORMER PRESIDENT OF FINLAND,
MR. MARTTI AHTISAARI

Personal Envoy of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office in Central Asia
(CIO.GAL/115/04 Restr.), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate
countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment)
(PC.DEL/1182/04), United States of America, Canada, Norway, Kazakhstan,
Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan,
Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Ukraine:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate
countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment)
(PC.DEL/1181/04), United States of America (PC.DEL/1185/04), Canada
(PC.DEL/1186/04), Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1177/04 Restr.),
Director of the Office of the Secretary General, Ukraine, Chairperson

(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/1179/04), Norway

- (c) *General elections in Romania on 28 November 2004*: Romania, Netherlands-European Union (PC.DEL/1178/04)
- (d) *Presidential elections in Croatia on 2 January 2005*: Croatia (PC.DEL/1176/04)
- (e) *Withdrawal of NATO forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (f) *Preparations for the Sofia Ministerial Council meeting*: Albania (PC.DEL/1184/04)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE 2004 MEDITERRANEAN SEMINAR ON ADDRESSING THREATS TO SECURITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: INTERACTION BETWEEN THE OSCE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION (SHARM-AL-SHEIKH, 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER 2004)

Slovenia (Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation), Egypt (Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/1180/04), United States of America, Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION TO MONGOLIA

Chairperson, Armenia

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 636 (PC.DEC/636), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on granting of the status of Partner for Co-operation to Mongolia.

Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 5: REVISION OF DECISION No. 632 ON THE TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Revision 1 to Decision No. 632 (PC.DEC/632/Rev.1), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the timetable and organizational modalities of the Twelfth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON ENHANCED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
 THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
 CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE) AND THE COUNCIL
 OF EUROPE (CoE)

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 637 (PC.DEC/637), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on enhanced co-operation between the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe (CoE).

Norway, Chairperson, Poland, Slovenia

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE 2004 OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR THE
 PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 638 (PC.DEC/638), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the 2004 OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality.

Norway, Holy See (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Canada, Netherlands-European Union, Chairperson

Agenda item 8: DECISIONS ON FIELD OPERATIONS' EXTENSION OF
 THE MANDATE

(a) *OSCE Presence in Albania* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation

(b) *OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 639 (PC.DEC/639), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(c) *OSCE Mission to Croatia* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation

(d) *OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro* (not adopted): Chairperson,
Russian Federation

(e) *OSCE Mission in Kosovo* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation

(f) *OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje*: Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 640 (PC.DEC/640), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje.

- (g) *OSCE Centre in Almaty* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (h) *OSCE Centre in Bishkek* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (i) *OSCE Centre in Dushanbe* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (j) *OSCE Mission to Georgia* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (k) *OSCE Office in Yerevan*: Chairperson, Armenia

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 641 (PC.DEC/641), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

- (l) *OSCE Mission to Moldova* (not adopted): Chairperson, Russian Federation

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

Proposal on the OSCE's assistance to the elections in Palestine on 9 January 2005:
Chairperson, Netherlands-European Union, Belarus, Belgium, Russian Federation,
Turkey, Armenia, United States of America

Agenda item 10: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Regional meeting on interstate co-operation on war crime prosecution, held in Serbia and Montenegro on 24 November 2004:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Status of ratification of the 12 United Nations conventions and protocols on terrorism:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) *Summary of replies by the participating States to the questionnaire on handling and issuing travel documents:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced