
Belgian Chairmanship

630th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2006

Opened: 3.10 p.m.

Closed: 5.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/8/06/Rev.1 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; as well as 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1001/06), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/995/06), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/992/06 OSCE+), Armenia, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/994/06), Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1009/06), Uzbekistan, Belarus, Tajikistan

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Consultations on the Transdniestrian conflict settlement, held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 17 and 18 October 2006*: United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/997/06 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia) (PC.DEL/996/06), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1004/06), Moldova (PC.DEL/998/06), Chairperson

(b) *Elections of heads of local administrations, held in Kazakhstan on 20 October 2006*: Kazakhstan

- (c) *Communique of the Co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group regarding a meeting in Paris on 24 October 2006 (CIO.GAL/185/06/Rev.1):* Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT OSCE RULES OF
PROCEDURE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 744 (PC.DEC/744), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the recommendation to the Ministerial Council to adopt OSCE rules of procedure.

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/189/06 OSCE+):* Chairperson
- (b) *International conference on energy security, held in Brussels on 25 October 2006:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Workshop on transport, security and environment, held in Tonsberg, Norway, from 16 to 18 October 2006:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/173/06 OSCE+)
- (b) *Seminar on the UNECE International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, held in Moscow on 17 and 18 October 2006:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/173/06 OSCE+)
- (c) *Expert workshop on preventing terrorism: fighting incitement and related terrorist activities, held in Vienna on 19 and 20 October 2006:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/173/06 OSCE+)
- (d) *International expert-level conference on lessons learned in promoting cross-border co-operation in the OSCE area, held in Vienna on 23 and 24 October 2006:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/173/06 OSCE+)
- (e) *Expert workshop on combating the threat of illicit drugs in the OSCE area, held in Vienna on 24 and 25 October 2006:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/173/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson, Malta
- (b) *Procedure of the appointment of the OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1003/06), Chairperson, Albania

- (c) *Workshop on new challenges in crisis management, to be held in Vienna on 17 November 2006: Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 27 October 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 744
RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
TO ADOPT OSCE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming the value of the Rules of Procedure contained in Chapter 6 of the 1973 Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations,

Wishing to adapt these Rules of Procedure to make them consistent with new realities and practices introduced since 1973, on the basis of the application of agreed documents,

Taking into account subsequent decisions of the Meetings of Heads of State or Government, the Ministerial Council, the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation concerning procedural aspects of the work of the CSCE/OSCE, its main bodies and institutions,

Pursuant to Ljubljana Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/05 on strengthening the effectiveness of the OSCE and with a view to enhancing the transparency of the functioning of the Organization,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairman-in-Office the draft rules of procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe as contained in document MC.DD/2/06/Rev.4/Corr.1 of 24 October 2006;
2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of that document through a silence procedure with a period of silence expiring on Wednesday, 1 November 2006 at noon CET;
3. Decides to further review the rules of procedure of the OSCE and, whenever necessary, to recommend to the Ministerial Council amendments to those rules of procedure, including any such amendments that may result from the implementation of Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/05, from other decisions of OSCE decision-making bodies or from the establishment of additional rules of procedure, including a procedure for the selection of the OSCE Secretary General.