

Netherlands Chairmanship**440th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 March 2003

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.

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

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Serbia and Montenegro on the occasion of the assassination of the Prime Minister of Serbia, Mr. Zoran Djindjic. In response, Serbia and Montenegro (PC.DEL/245/03) thanked the Chairperson. The Russian Federation, Greece-European Union, the United States of America, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/227/03), Norway, Turkey, Armenia, Croatia (PC.DEL/224/03), Hungary, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Georgia (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine), Romania and Bulgaria condemned the assassination and expressed their condolences.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Local elections in Belarus, held on 2 March 2003:* United States of America, Greece-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/233/03), Russian Federation, Belarus, Chairperson
- (b) *Presidential elections in Armenia, held on 19 February and 5 March 2003:* Greece-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/232/03), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Armenia (PC.DEL/226/03), Chairperson

- (c) *Situation in the Transnistrian region of Moldova*: Russian Federation, Greece-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/239/03), Ukraine, United States of America, Turkey, Moldova, Chairperson
- (d) *Media situation in Uzbekistan*: United States of America, Uzbekistan
- (e) *Meeting between the Presidents of Georgia and the Russian Federation on 6 and 7 March 2003*: Georgia, Turkey, Russian Federation
- (f) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Greece-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/234/03), Switzerland, Norway, Chairperson
- (g) *Inaugural session of the International Criminal Court*: Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/237/03), Switzerland, Canada, Norway
- (h) *Establishment of the Council on Democratic Security in Kyrgyzstan*: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/223/03 Restr.), Greece-European Union, Belarus, Russian Federation, Canada

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

Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/3/03), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/235/03), United States of America, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/242/03 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: **ADDRESS BY THE EUROPEAN UNION SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, H.E. AMBASSADOR
ALEXIS BROUHNS**

Special Representative of the European Union in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to

Skopje (PC.FR/6/03 Restr.), Greece-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/238/03), United States of America, Russian Federation, Albania (PC.DEL/246/03), Canada, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE FORUM FOR SECURITY
CO-OPERATION'S EXPERT ADVICE ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION V OF THE OSCE
DOCUMENT ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 535 (PC.DEC/535), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Forum for Security Co-operation's expert advice on the implementation of Section V of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/22/03 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b) *Appointment of the Personal Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office for Central Asia:* Chairperson
- (c) *Appointment of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine:* Chairperson
- (d) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Moldova on 2 April 2003:* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a report of the Secretary General:* Secretary General
- (b) *Meeting of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, held in New York on 6 March 2003:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/47/03 Restr.)
- (c) *Bilateral meetings at United Nations Headquarters:* Secretary General

- (d) *United Nations-OSCE Subregional Conference on the Implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, held in Ljubljana on 11 March 2003*: Secretary General
- (e) *Security issues*: Secretary General
- (f) *Implementation of the IRMA project*: Secretary General
- (g) *Staffing and training issues*: Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Decree of the President of Ukraine on constitutional amendments*: Ukraine
- (b) *Meeting of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia, held on 10 March 2003*: Portugal, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Turkey
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Malta, to be held on 12 April 2003*: Malta (PC.DEL/229/03)
- (d) *Appointment of the Personal Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office for Central Asia*: Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (e) *Ministerial Conference on Drug Roads from Central Asia to Europe, to be held in Paris on 21 and 22 May 2003*: France

Agenda item 9: TURKMENISTAN

Chairperson, OSCE Rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism (PC.DEL/230/03), Austria (also on behalf of Canada, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), Greece-European Union (with the acceding countries Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria and Romania, in alignment) (PC.DEL/240/03), United States of America, Turkey (PC.DEL/231/03 Restr.), Switzerland, Norway, Canada, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/228/03 Restr.)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 20 March 2003, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal