
Belgian Chairmanship**616th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 29 June 2006

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 1.25 p.m.
2. Chairperson: Mr. B. de Crombrughe
3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES**

High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/5/06 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 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/663/06), Armenia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/677/06 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, United States of America (PC.DEL/667/06), Canada, Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/685/06 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: **REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Chairperson, Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 Serbia, as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/664/06), Armenia, Switzerland, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/678/06 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/686/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/670/06), Canada (also on behalf of

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/683/06 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/682/06 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in South Ossetia, Georgia*: Austria-European Union (with the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; 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 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/665/06), United States of America (PC.DEL/681/06), Russian Federation, Georgia
- (b) *Initiative on action against racism during the 2006 FIFA World Cup*: Germany (PC.DEL/684/06), Chairperson
- (c) *33rd ministerial session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in Baku, from 19 to 21 June 2006*: Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/687/06)
- (d) *Release of the Moldovan police officers detained in Tiraspol, Moldova*: Moldova (PC.DEL/676/06 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (e) *Amendments to the media law in Kazakhstan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/666/06), Kazakhstan

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THE GEORGIAN BORDER POLICE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 731 (PC.DEC/731), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the Capacity-Building Programme for the Georgian Border Police.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 732 (PC.DEC/732), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the establishment of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON RENAMING THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 733 (PC.DEC/733), the text of which is appended to this journal, on renaming the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro.

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the written report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/123/06 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein),
Netherlands, Chairperson
- (b) *Congressional elections in the United States of America, to be held on
7 November 2006:* United States of America (PC.DEL/671/06)
- (c) *Visit of heads of OSCE delegations to Georgia in the last week of July 2006
(CIO.GAL/124/06 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (d) *Fifteenth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in
Brussels, from 3 to 7 July 2006:* Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary
Assembly
- (e) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 30 June 2006, after the meeting of the Preparatory Committee, in the Neuer
Saal