



Portuguese Chairmanship

407th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 29 August 2002

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Pais

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Germany, Mr. D. Boden.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/30/02 Restr.), 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/622/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/637/02), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Yugoslavia (PC.DEL/633/02), Albania (PC.DEL/638/02), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON IMPROVING ANNUAL REPORTING ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OSCE (not adopted)

Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Recent incident in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* Chairperson (Annex), Canada, Russian Federation, Denmark-European Union, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- (b) *Adoption of constitutional amendment package in Turkey on 3 August 2002:* Turkey (PC.DEL/620/02), Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta in alignment) (PC.DEL/624/02), United States of America (PC.DEL/629/02), Canada, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Chairperson
- (c) *Abolition of the death penalty in Tajikistan:* 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/627/02), Norway, Canada, Switzerland, Chairperson, Tajikistan
- (d) *Report on the minority situation in Estonia:* Russian Federation, Estonia
- (e) *Establishment of a constitutional council in Kyrgyzstan:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/621/02 Restr.)
- (f) *Ongoing consultations regarding the settlement of the conflict in Transdnistria:* Chairperson, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Turkey, Denmark-European Union, United States of America
- (g) *Recent developments in Nagorno-Karabakh:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/628/02), Armenia (PC.DEL/636/02)
- (h) *Eleventh anniversary of the renewal of Ukraine's state sovereignty:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/625/02)
- (i) *Recent developments in the territories neighbouring the Georgian-Russian State border:* Georgia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/631/02), 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/626/02), Estonia, Cyprus, Canada, Norway, United States of America, Turkey, Chairperson
- (j) *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/623/02), Norway, Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/630/02)

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

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the European Forum, held in Alpbach from 25 to 28 August 2002*: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/153/02)
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Regional European Union Conference on Conflict Prevention, held in Helsingborg, Sweden, on 29 and 30 August 2002*: Director for Management and Finance
- (c) *Policing issues*: Director for Management and Finance
- (d) *2001 Financial Statements*: Director for Management and Finance
- (e) *Implementation of the Integrated Resource Management System*: Director for Management and Finance

Agenda item 6: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

Staffing issues related to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo: Director for Management and Finance

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Serbia on 29 September 2002*: Yugoslavia
- (b) *Congressional elections in the United States of America on 5 November 2002*: United States of America
- (c) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Croatia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 September 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal



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CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

On the morning of Monday, 26 August, two Macedonian police officers were killed in a drive-by shooting, near the town of Gostivar, in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. I would like to take the floor to transmit our condolences to the families of the victims.

We condemn in the strongest terms this cowardly act of violence as well as any action that would aim at undermining the stability in the country and the implementation of the Framework Agreement. The perpetrators of this criminal act should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and brought to justice. The OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje is monitoring the situation and has offered its support to the Government in the investigation of the case.

I believe I am reflecting the opinions around this table by calling on all the political leaders in the country to ensure that the election campaign and the elections themselves are free, fair and peaceful and that all leaders will refrain from any form of intimidation or inflammatory rhetoric. As Foreign Minister Čašule said at this Permanent Council, on 25 July, these elections are of paramount importance for the country, they mark the end of a very difficult and challenging period and the beginning of a new stage for all citizens. The country cannot afford to fail on that.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the strong support of the OSCE for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and recall the continued efforts of the OSCE, together with other international partners, to assist in the fulfilment of the Framework Agreement. This is the only way to consolidate stability and build a more prosperous and democratic future for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and all its citizens.