

Romanian Chairmanship

345th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 28 June 2001

 Opened: 10.05 a.m.
 Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. L. Bota
 Ms. V. Epure

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

 Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES
 - (a) *General elections in Albania on 24 June 2001:* Albania, United States of America (PC.DEL/493/01), Canada, Sweden-European Union
 - (b) *Situation in Northern Ireland:* Russian Federation
 - (c) *Presidential elections in Belarus on 9 September 2001:* United States of America (PC.DEL/496/01), Belarus
 - (d) *Situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/482/01), Russian Federation, Sweden-European Union (SEC.DEL/160/01), United States of America (PC.DEL/497/01), Albania
 - (e) *Law on Hungarians living in neighbouring countries adopted by the Hungarian Parliament on 19 June 2001:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/486/01), Hungary
 - (f) *Withdrawal of Russian troops and destruction of ammunition and military equipment from the territory of Georgia:* Russian Federation, Georgia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Turkey
 - (g) *Seminar on Freedom of Religion or Belief in the OSCE Region: Challenges to Law and Practice held in The Hague on 26 June 2001:* Netherlands (also

on behalf of the Romanian Chairmanship) (PC.DEL/481/01), United States of America (PC.DEL/498/01)

- (h) *Security situation in Tajikistan*: Tajikistan, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 2: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

- (a) *Peace Implementation Council Steering Board meeting held in Stockholm on 21 June 2001*: Chairman, Turkey
- (b) *Mission staffing*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/23/01/Rev.1 Restr.), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/483/01), Ukraine (PC.DEL/485/01), Russian Federation, Norway, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/494/01), Portugal, Moldova, Chairman

Agenda item 4: OSCE MISSION TO ESTONIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Estonia (PC.FR/24/01/Rev.1 Restr.), Sweden-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/484/01), Canada, Norway, United States of America (PC.DEL/495/01), Russian Federation, Estonia, Chairman

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIP

Chairman

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO ESTONIA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 421 (PC.DEC/421), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Estonia.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION TO TAJIKISTAN

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 422 (PC.DEC/422), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Tajikistan.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
 THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 423 (PC.DEC/423), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE SIZE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
 CROATIA

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 424 (PC.DEC/424), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the size of the OSCE Mission to Croatia.

Agenda item 10: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Discussion under agenda item 1(g)

Agenda item 11: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the European Union Council Secretariat to the OSCE on 27 June 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Conference on counter-terrorism in Central Asia held in Istanbul from 18 to 20 June 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Workshop on Small Arms and Light Weapons: Practical Challenges for the Implementation of Current Undertakings in the OSCE/Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC), held in Baku on 21 and 22 June 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Azerbaijan, Switzerland
- (d) *Ministerial meeting of the Central European Initiative held in Milan on 21 and 22 June 2001:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- (e) *OSCE legal capacity*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Workshop for Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Portugal (PC.DEL/499/01)
- (g) *Press and Public Information Section*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Declaration on trafficking in human beings*: Switzerland (PC.DEL/479/01 Restr.)
- (b) *Permanent Council Decision No. 411 on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*

The Chairman announced that, in accordance with the recommendation of Permanent Council Decision No. 411 (PC.DEC/411), the mandate of Mr. Freimut Duve as OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media would be extended to 31 December 2003.

- (c) *Review of OSCE financial regulations*: Chairman
- (d) *Meeting between heads of missions and delegations on Tuesday, 3 July 2001*: Chairman
- (e) *Second meeting between the European Union and Azerbaijan on partnership and co-operation*: Azerbaijan
- (f) *Swedish presidency of the European Union*: Sweden, Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 July 2001, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal