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**Chairmanship: Spain****673rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 5 July 2007

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, in a letter issued on 4 July 2007 (see the annex to this journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of the Ministerial Council decision on the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (see MC.DEC/2/07, the text of which is appended to this journal). Poland (PC.DEL/695/07 OSCE+) and Norway delivered statements on the adoption of the decision.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, H.E. TERRY DAVIS

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/691/07/Rev.2), Portugal-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/696/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/702/07 OSCE+), Switzerland, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Serbia

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE EXTERNAL AUDITOR  
OF THE AUDIT REPORT ON THE 2006 FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor, Portugal-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/697/07), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/701/07 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/700/07), Albania

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Reform of criminal law and the abolition of the death penalty in Kyrgyzstan:* Portugal-European Union (with 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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/698/07), Kyrgyzstan
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 18 August 2007:* Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/699/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF  
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 800 (PC.DEC/800), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Agenda item 5: 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:* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General  
(SEC.GAL/125/07 OSCE+):* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Book launch in Vienna on 5 July 2007: United States of America*

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 10 July 2007, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE**

Madrid, 4 July 2007

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (MC.DD/3/07/Rev.1), expiring on Wednesday, 4 July 2007, at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Fifteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 5 July 2007.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs  
of the OSCE participating States