

CSCE
FOURTH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS
PRAGUE 1991

JOURNAL No. 1

1st DAY OF FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Date: Tuesday, 22 October 1991

Opened: 11.25 a.m.
Suspended: 1.35 p.m.
Resumed: 3.25 p.m.
Closed: 7.15 p.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. W. Höynck (Germany)

3. Subjects discussed:

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda item 2: Review of current issues

- Consultation and co-operation with regard to
Yugoslavia

Agenda item 3: Further development of the CSCE institutions and
structures (keeping in mind that the contribution on the
CPC is under discussion within the Consultative Committee)

(a) Recommendations for the Council

- Operative decisions
- Guidelines for Helsinki

(b) Functional aspects (including mechanisms)

- Political consultations
- Conflict prevention
- Crisis management
- Peacekeeping
- Human Dimension of the CSCE

(c) Structures

- Council/CSO
- Consultative Committee

(d) Institutions

- Secretariat
- CPC
- OFE



4. Statements:

Chairman (organizational matters)

Agenda item 1: Chairman

Agenda item 2: Yugoslavia, Netherlands-European Community, Hungary, United States of America, Albania, Switzerland, Canada, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Poland, Turkey

In connection with the adoption of the text entitled "CSCE Human Rights Rapporteur Mission to Yugoslavia", the delegation of the United States of America made the following statement:

"Regarding the second sentence of the text, which reads 'The mission will visit Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia at a time to be agreed through consultation with Yugoslavia,' it is our understanding that the specific republics named would have to concur in the visit and its timing before it could take place.

With regard to the reference to Serbia, it is our understanding that this includes Kosovo and Voivodina."

Agenda item 3: Chairman

United States of America, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Austria, Netherlands-European Community, Finland, Sweden, France, Cyprus, Albania, Norway, Italy, Romania, Poland

Agenda item 3(a): Chairman

Agenda items 3(b), (c) and (d):
Netherlands-European Community, Switzerland, Austria, Romania, Canada, Norway, Turkey, Holy See, United States of America, France, Italy

5. Decisions:

(a) The agenda for the Fourth Meeting of the CSCE Committee of Senior Officials was adopted (Annex 1).

(b) The Committee adopted the following two texts:

- CSCE Human Rights Rapporteur Mission to Yugoslavia (Annex 2)
- The Situation in Yugoslavia (Annex 3)

It was agreed that both texts should immediately be made public by the Secretariat.

6. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 23 October 1991, at 10 a.m., in the Plenary Hall
Chair: Germany

Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials
Prague, 22-24 October 1991

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Review of current issues
 - Consultation and co-operation with regard to Yugoslavia
3. Further development of the CSCE institutions and structures (keeping in mind that the contribution on the CPC is under discussion within the Consultative Committee)
 - (a) Recommendations for the Council
 - operative decisions
 - guidelines for Helsinki
 - (b) Functional aspects (including mechanisms)
 - Political consultations
 - Conflict prevention
 - Crisis management
 - Peacekeeping
 - Human Dimension of the CSCE
 - (c) Structures
 - Council/CSO
 - Consultative Committee
 - (d) Institutions
 - Secretariat
 - CPC
 - OFE
 - (e) Specific Aspects
 - Parliament
 - NGOs
 - Public relations
4. Administrative and financial issues
 - (a) Consideration of the budgets of the CSCE institutions for 1992
 - (b) Amplification of the common financial procedures concerning
 - Receipt of contributions and the position of arrears
 - Auditing
5. Second Meeting of the Council (Prague, 30-31 January 1992)
 - (a) Agenda for the Meeting (main topic(s) to be agreed in advance?)
 - (b) Time and place of the Third Meeting of the Council
6. Exchange of information and relevant documents among CSCE and the main European and trans-Atlantic institutions
7. Preparations for the Fourth Follow-up Meeting in Helsinki and the Summit (date of the Summit)
8. Date of the Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials
9. Any other business

CSCE Human Rights Rapporteur Mission
to Yugoslavia

Recalling the Document of the Moscow Meeting, the CSCE Committee of Senior Officials agreed to form a human rights rapporteur mission. The mission will visit Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia at a time to be agreed through consultation with Yugoslavia. It will inform itself of the situation with respect to human rights, including the rights of minorities, and will report to the Committee. Its report will be circulated by the CSCE Secretariat through the CSCE points of contact and will be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. The report will be made available to the Chairman of the Conference on Yugoslavia.

The mission will be led by the designated representative of the Chairman of the CSCE Council of Ministers. A representative from the CSCE Office for Free Elections will serve as secretary for the mission. The mission will also include, inter alia, a representative from the European Community and a representative of the Chairman of the Conference on Yugoslavia.

The Situation in Yugoslavia

The Committee of Senior Officials of the CSCE,

1. Reaffirming its earlier resolutions on Yugoslavia,
2. Deeply concerned by the continuing violence and bloodshed in Yugoslavia, and by the obstacles encountered by the monitor mission to Yugoslavia,
3. Strongly condemns the constant and blatant violations of all cease-fire agreements concluded until the present day, and any attempt to bring about changes by force. No such change will be recognized as legal;
4. Welcomes the agreement reached on 14 October 1991 to continue the activities of the monitor mission to Yugoslavia, and reiterates its demand that all Yugoslav parties comply fully with their obligation to protect and ensure the safety of the mission and its members;
5. Underlines the importance of concerting all efforts made by CSCE participating States to solve the crisis in Yugoslavia and in this spirit endorses the Declaration on Yugoslavia adopted by the European Community and its member States, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 18 October 1991 and it supports the continuing efforts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
6. Welcomes the fact that on 18 October 1991 the Chairman of the Conference on Yugoslavia presented arrangements for a general settlement of the Yugoslav crisis, and notes with great interest that it covers inter alia general principles, guidelines with regard to the implementation of human rights and rights of ethnic and national groups, other areas of co-operation and institutional aspects;
7. Urges all Yugoslav parties to continue their co-operation in the framework of the Conference on Yugoslavia;

8. Insists that the agreement reached in The Hague on 18 October 1991 at which the collective Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and President Tudjman, in the presence of President Milošević, agreed to give their respective forces instructions to abide by the terms of a new cease-fire agreement, be immediately and fully implemented;
9. Calls upon all Yugoslav parties to strictly observe these terms and expresses grave concern about recent violations of these terms;
10. Reiterates its conviction that those responsible for the acts of unprecedented violence against people in Yugoslavia and for violations of cease-fire agreements be held personally accountable under international law for their actions, including those in contravention of relevant norms of international humanitarian law;
11. Calls upon all Yugoslav parties to strive to ensure the free movement of individuals and the free circulation of goods among different parts of Europe, transiting Yugoslavia by land, air and water;
12. Decides to continue to keep the crisis in Yugoslavia under closest consideration and invites the Chairman-in-Office of the Committee of Senior Officials to convene the Committee at a time he deems appropriate.