

Chairmanship: Malta**1477th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 6 June 2024 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. D. Borg

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 5 June 2024 (Annex), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/24 (MC.DEC/1/24) on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Türkiye

Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/679/24 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/688/24), Canada (PC.DEL/683/24), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Monaco, in alignment) (PC.DEL/689/24), United States of America (PC.DEL/680/24), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Germany (also on behalf of Ukraine) (PC.DEL/687/24 OSCE+), Russian Federation, France

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in yet more confrontation in and around Ukraine: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/691/24), Switzerland (PC.DEL/685/24 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Response to the statement delivered by the Russian Federation under agenda item 3(d) at the 1475th meeting of the Permanent Council, held on 23 May 2024: Moldova, United States of America (PC.DEL/681/24), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Canada (PC.DEL/684/24 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/686/24), Ukraine, Russian Federation, Belgium-European Union*

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

List of nominations for the positions of OSCE Secretary General, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (CIO.GAL/46/24): Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/24 OSCE+): Acting Director of the Office of the Secretary General/Head of Conference and Language Services

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 June 2024, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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Annex

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LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Valletta, 5 June 2024

Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/1/24), expiring on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council. Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or 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 next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hon. Dr Ian Borg
Chairperson-in-Office



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Ministerial Council**

MC.DEC/1/24
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**DECISION No. 1/24
TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Ministerial Council,

Decides that the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held in Malta on 5 and 6 December 2024.

MC.DEC/1/24
5 June 2024
Attachment 1

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom):

“I am speaking on behalf of the following participating States – Albania, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and my own country Liechtenstein – in relation to the Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.

In this context, we wish to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Our delegations fully support this decision and look forward to the Ministerial Council meeting to be held in Malta on 5 and 6 December 2024.

We would, however, like to express our position that determining the time and place of the Ministerial Council meetings should not require a separate decision by the Ministerial Council nor by the Permanent Council. Instead, to promote efficiency, this determination should be entrusted to the Chairmanship-in-Office.

Consequently, we would support amending the OSCE Rules of Procedure to this effect.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”

MC.DEC/1/24
5 June 2024
Attachment 2

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the adoption of a Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the Russian Federation assumes that exhaustive measures will be taken by Malta as the host country of that event, and also by all transit countries, to ensure that the representatives of all OSCE participating States without exception, at the political level chosen by these States themselves, are able to attend the Ministerial Council meeting. This implies no discrimination with regard to the composition of national delegations, and also no impediments to the overflight or transit of members of delegations to the venue of the Ministerial Council meeting by the means of their choice, which may include special flights. In that regard, we take note of the assurances by the OSCE Chairmanship that Malta will make all the necessary efforts to that end.

We stress that the improper implementation of OSCE decisions governing the convening of a Ministerial Council meeting will make it impossible for any decisions or documents to be adopted at the meeting.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”