

Chairmanship: Finland

**REINFORCED MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1509th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Monday, 24 February 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 2.05 p.m.

Closed: 5.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen
Ms. M. Neuvonen

Chairperson, Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/14/25 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/191/25), Poland-European Union (PC.DEL/153/25), Poland (PC.DEL/158/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/155/25 OSCE+), Malta (PC.DEL/181/25 OSCE+), Slovakia (PC.DEL/154/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/156/25 OSCE+), Hungary (PC.DEL/170/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/175/25 OSCE+), Czechia (PC.DEL/172/25 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/141/25 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/168/25/Corr.1 OSCE+), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/139/25 OSCE+), Latvia (PC.DEL/162/25 OSCE+), Netherlands (PC.DEL/147/25 OSCE+), Austria, Monaco (PC.DEL/142/25 OSCE+), Luxembourg (PC.DEL/157/25 OSCE+), Croatia (PC.DEL/166/25 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/144/25 OSCE+), Cyprus, Serbia, France (PC.DEL/171/25 OSCE+), Romania, Iceland (PC.DEL/163/25 OSCE+), Greece (PC.DEL/169/25 OSCE+), Slovenia (PC.DEL/161/25 OSCE+), Belgium, Ireland (PC.DEL/151/25), Montenegro (PC.DEL/165/25 OSCE+), San Marino, Sweden, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Denmark (PC.DEL/152/25), Estonia (PC.DEL/159/25 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/145/25 OSCE+), Andorra, Norway (PC.DEL/164/25), Portugal, Canada (PC.DEL/160/25 OSCE+), Spain, North Macedonia (PC.DEL/174/25

OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/173/24 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/167/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/146/25), Italy (PC.DEL/148/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/150/25), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation), Australia (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/149/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 February 2025, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

Bending to the political climate, the Finnish Chairmanship continues to demonstratively violate the rules of our Organization and to arbitrarily organize discussions of the Ukraine topic at an OSCE decision-making body. The persistent inclusion of a separate confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda, including at reinforced meetings, is quite unacceptable. Such actions are directly incompatible with standing agenda items as established by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (chapter IV.1(C)). We regard this as arbitrariness on the part of the Chairmanship. The agenda circulated for today’s reinforced meeting has an overtly confrontational thrust and does not give all participating States the opportunity to take part on an equal, non-discriminatory basis in a discussion of the developments in and around Ukraine.

The convening of Permanent Council meetings must be fully in line with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE as regards consultations with all the participating States (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3) and may not run counter to the provisions of the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office, which unambiguously obligates the Chairmanship to take the whole spectrum of opinions into account in its actions (Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 8 of 2002). Furthermore, according to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE, the prerogative of convening reinforced meetings rests with the Permanent Council itself and not with the Chairmanship (paragraph II(B)5). The Permanent Council has not adopted any decisions on the convening of a reinforced meeting.

In the event that a minute’s silence is planned to be announced at today’s meeting, the Russian Federation will participate in it as long as neutral wording is used that refers to all civilians killed during the hostilities. Otherwise, we will assume that the Chairmanship’s actions are prompted not by considerations of humanity, but rather by the intent to completely “dehumanize” all those not falling under the propaganda “matrix” of the Zelenskyy regime’s patrons.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today's reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.