



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

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5 June 2024

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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.

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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, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Finland, Malta, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom):

“I am speaking on behalf of the following participating States – Albania, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Finland, 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.”

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Attachment 2

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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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.”