



1497th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 1489
TIMETABLE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

(Malta, 5 and 6 December 2024)

The Permanent Council,

Recognizing that the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure,

Decides:

To adopt the timetable of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council as set out below.

Timetable

Thursday, 5 December 2024

- 10 a.m. **Opening session (open)**
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
 - Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
 - Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Report by the Secretariat
- First plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch for Ministers of Foreign Affairs or heads of delegations

3–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations

Friday, 6 December 2024

10 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents and decisions
- Closing statements by delegations
- Any other business

Closing session (open)

- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairpersons-in-Office)

1.30 p.m. Press conference

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Attachment

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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**

The delegation of Hungary, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement (also on behalf of the United States of America):

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the timetable of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union welcomes the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the timetable for the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, in line with the Rules of Procedure. However, we regret that consensus could not be reached on the draft Permanent Council decision which included both the timetable and organizational modalities as initially proposed by the Maltese Chairmanship. The EU found this proposal acceptable, as it was based on the last agreed relevant Permanent Council decision.

In the absence of a Permanent Council decision on the organizational modalities for this Ministerial Council meeting, we reaffirm that representatives of international organizations, institutions and initiatives should be invited to participate, deliver oral interventions, or distribute written contributions according to the previously agreed list. We do not see any new developments that would warrant expanding this list at this time.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today’s meeting.

The United States of America aligns itself with this statement.

Thank you.”