

Chairmanship: Finland

1512th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 13 March 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen
Mr. K. Laukkanen

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador A. Maisuradze, to the Permanent Council.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/281/25), Poland-European Union, United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/236/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/264/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/268/25), Norway (PC.DEL/274/25), Italy (PC.DEL/278/25 OSCE+), France (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden)

1 Includes a correction to the speakers' list under agenda item 3

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRS OF THE THREE
 COMMITTEES: THE SECURITY COMMITTEE, THE
 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AND
 THE HUMAN DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee, Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee, Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/262/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/237/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/244/25), Ukraine, Türkiye (PC.DEL/267/25 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/254/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/269/25 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/260/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/275/25), Georgia (PC.DEL/271/25 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/250/25 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
 DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
 (ODIHR)

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/14/25 OSCE+), Poland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine), United States of America (PC.DEL/242/25), Malta (PC.DEL/280/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/243/25), Ukraine, Türkiye (PC.DEL/265/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/256/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/270/25 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/261/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/276/25), Switzerland (PC.DEL/255/25 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Albania (PC.DEL/258/25 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/247/25 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/279/25 OSCE+), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/245/25 OSCE+), Hungary (PC.DEL/259/25 OSCE+), Greece, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Montenegro (PC.DEL/283/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/272/25 OSCE+), Sweden, Serbia, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/251/25 OSCE+), Tajikistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/249/25), Romania, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/4/24 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: 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/239/25/Corr.1)
- (b) *Sixty-third round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 4 and 5 March 2025:* Chairperson, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova,

Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/263/25), United Kingdom, Switzerland (PC.DEL/257/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/266/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/273/25 OSCE+)

- (c) *Another round of international discussions on security and stability in the South Caucasus: Russian Federation* (PC.DEL/240/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Joint statement by the Chairperson-in-Office and the Secretary General on recent political developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued on 7 March 2025: Chairperson*
- (b) *Joint statement by the Chairperson-in-Office, the Secretary General and the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on the occasion of International Women's Day, issued on 8 March 2025: Chairperson*
- (c) *Visits of the Chairperson-in-Office to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo, to take place from 17 to 19 March 2025: Chairperson*
- (d) *Appointment of Mr. W. Palaver as Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions: Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/32/25/Rev.1 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 26 March 2025, at 4 p.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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

Mr. Chairperson,

It is deeply disappointing that the Finnish Chairmanship is violating the rules of our Organization and wilfully continuing the fruitless discussions of the Ukraine topic at an OSCE decision-making body. The inclusion of a separate confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda 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)) and must stop. The agenda circulated by the Chairmanship for today’s meeting has an overtly aggressive thrust as regards the Ukraine issue, is incompatible with the principles of the OSCE 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 by involving 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).

This is clearly an abuse of authority by the Chairmanship, which is obliged to act for all 57 participating States and not for a group of countries that are aggressively imposing their views on everyone else.

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

Thank you for your attention.