

Chairmanship: Finland

1508th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen

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/136/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/122/25), United Kingdom, Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Monaco, in alignment) (PC.DEL/131/25), Canada, Türkiye (PC.DEL/126/25 OSCE+), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/124/25 OSCE+), Moldova, Russian Federation

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/135/25)
- (b) *Human rights situation in Georgia:* Chairperson, Czechia (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,

Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/127/25 OSCE+), United States of America, Poland-European Union, Belarus (PC.DEL/129/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/133/25 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Conference on Addressing Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Region, held in Helsinki on 10 and 11 February 2025: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/25 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Meetings of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office with the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, the 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, and the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, held in Helsinki on 10 and 11 February 2025: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/25 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in the 61st Munich Security Conference, to be held in Munich from 14 to 16 February 2025: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/25 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process to Moldova on 12 and 13 February 2025: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/25 OSCE+)*
- (e) *123rd meeting of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism, to be held in Ergneti, Georgia, on 14 February 2025: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/25 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Announcement of a reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council, to be held on 24 February 2025: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/19/25 OSCE+): Deputy Director for Policy Support Service

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 24 February 2025, at 2 p.m., in the Ratsaal 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.