
Chairmanship: Finland**1507th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 6 February 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 12.50 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 3.45 p.m.

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

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Ukraine, Ambassador Yuriy Vitrenko, to the Permanent Council.

The Chairperson and a number of participating States offered their condolences to Sweden in connection with the loss of life in a tragic mass shooting that occurred in Örebro, Sweden, on 4 February 2025. Sweden thanked them for their expression of sympathy.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE OF LUXEMBOURG, H.E. MR. XAVIER BETTEL

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Luxembourg, Secretary General, Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment)

(PC.DEL/102/25), United Kingdom, Türkiye (PC.DEL/110/25 OSCE+), Malta (PC.DEL/113/25 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/94/25 OSCE+), Ukraine, Armenia (PC.DEL/107/25), Albania (PC.DEL/97/25 OSCE+), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/101/25 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/86/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/98/25 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/109/25 OSCE+), Lithuania, Serbia (PC.DEL/100/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/95/25)

Agenda item 2: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine, 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Monaco, in alignment) (PC.DEL/103/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/87/25), Canada (PC.DEL/91/25), United Kingdom, Türkiye (PC.DEL/110/25 OSCE+), San Marino (PC.DEL/93/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: 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/88/25)
- (b) *Withdrawal of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights' election observation mission from Tajikistan*: Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/104/25), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/92/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/96/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/89/25 OSCE+), Tajikistan

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Conference on Addressing Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Region, to be held in Helsinki on 10 and 11 February 2025*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit by Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Climate and Security, Ms. K. Stendahl, to Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 and 28 January 2025*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/15/24): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Albania, to be held on 11 May 2025*: Albania (PC.DEL/99/25 OSCE+)
- (b) *Sami People's Day, celebrated on 6 February 2025*: Norway (PC.DEL/105/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/90/25), Sweden (PC.DEL/108/25 OSCE+), Finland

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 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,

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.