

Chairmanship: North Macedonia

1407th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 19 January 2023 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Djundev

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson and delegations offered condolences to Ukraine on the deaths of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Denis Monastyrsky, and other senior officials in a helicopter crash on 18 January 2023 in Brovary, Ukraine. Condolences were also extended to the families of a number of children who died on the ground as a result of the accident.

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Pedro Nuno Bártolo, to the Permanent Council.

Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/42/23 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
DECISION ON THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT
MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1458 (PC.DEC/1458) on the recommendation to adopt a decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF
MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, MINISTER
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ICELAND, H.E.
MS. THÓRDÍS KOLBRÚN REYKJFJÖRD GYLFAÐÓTTIR

Chairperson, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/56/23 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/59/23), United States of America (PC.DEL/40/23), United Kingdom, Georgia (PC.DEL/66/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/44/23), Türkiye (PC.DEL/55/23 OSCE+), Ukraine, Norway (PC.DEL/43/23), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/41/23 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/51/23 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/57/23 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Ireland (PC.DEL/62/23), Armenia (PC.DEL/64/23), Serbia

Agenda item 3: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/54/23), Iceland (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden) (PC.DEL/61/23 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Monaco , in alignment) (PC.DEL/60/23), United States of America (PC.DEL/46/23), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/45/23 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/53/23 OSCE+), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/58/23 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/47/23 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/48/23 OSCE+), Secretary General (SEC.GAL/12/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Sweden-European Union, Germany

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Dangerous provocations by the Kiev regime with the support of the Western alliance of OSCE participating States and the ongoing crimes by the Kiev regime against the civilian population:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/50/23)
- (b) *Aggression of Azerbaijan against Artsakh and Armenia with the direct involvement of Turkey and foreign terrorist fighters:* Armenia (PC.DEL/65/23), Azerbaijan
- (c) *Gross violations of freedom of the media by some Western OSCE participating States:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/49/23), Sweden-European Union, Latvia, Moldova

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

- (a) *Telephone conversation between the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, H.E. Mr. A. Mirzoyan, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. J. Bayramov, held on 10 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (b) *Address by the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, to the Permanent Council: Chairperson*
- (c) *Informal meetings between the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, and the heads of OSCE institutions and heads of OSCE field operations, held on 13 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (d) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, to Ukraine on 16 and 17 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (e) *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, H.E. Mr. Z. Rau, held on 17 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (f) *Telephone conversation between the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, H.E. Mr. U. Reinsalu, held on 18 January 2023: Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/7/22/Corr.1 OSCE+): Secretary General*
- (b) *Appeal for the adoption of a Unified Budget for 2023: Secretary General*
- (c) *High-level conference on climate change, to be held in Vienna in March 2023: Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Finland, to be held on 2 April 2023: Finland*
- (b) *Local elections in Albania, to be held on 14 May 2023: Albania*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 26 January 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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**DECISION No. 1458
RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A DECISION ON THE
TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/1/23 of 13 January 2023);
2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Wednesday, 25 January 2023, at 8 a.m. CET.