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12 May 2022

On procedures for the preparation and conduct of meetings of the OSCE Permanent Council

Mr. Chairperson,

We reiterate our opposition in principle to the continuing practice of the Chairmanship of including an item on Ukraine that does not reflect the views of all participating States. This is a crucial provision of the Chairmanship mandate approved by the 2002 Porto Ministerial Council decision (paragraph 2). Furthermore, we recall again the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3), which state that the views expressed by participating States are to be taken into account in preparing draft agendas of the meetings of the Permanent Council.

Once again, we urge the Polish Chairmanship to ensure that the discussions are non-discriminatory.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council.

Thank you for your attention.