
Chairmanship: Finland

1533rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 11 September 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Neuvonen
Ms. L. Saarikoski
Ms. L. Karlsson

Russian Federation (Annex 1)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/915/25), United Kingdom, Denmark (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/890/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/873/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/913/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/905/25), Iceland (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/880/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Belarus, Denmark

1 Includes technical corrections to agenda items 2 and 8(b).

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY,
H.E. MR. PERE JOAN PONS SAMPIETRO

Chairperson, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/10/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/923/25), Ukraine (PC.DEL/933/25), Kazakhstan, Spain (PC.DEL/894/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/874/25), Armenia (PC.DEL/917/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/922/25 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/938/25 OSCE+), Türkiye, Switzerland (PC.DEL/911/25 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Georgia (PC.DEL/919/25 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Israel (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 3: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECISION ON THE
CLOSURE OF THE OSCE MINSK PROCESS,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT
WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE AND THE
HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP

The Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 1 September 2025 (Annex 2), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/25 (MC.DEC/1/25) on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Armenia (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), Belarus (PC.DEL/925/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: VIOLATION OF POLISH AIRSPACE BY THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION

Chairperson, Denmark (PC.DEL/914/25 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/924/25), Poland (PC.DEL/891/25 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/889/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Norway, France, Italy (PC.DEL/900/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/877/25), Czechia (PC.DEL/935/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/907/25 OSCE+), Ireland (PC.DEL/882/25), Netherlands (PC.DEL/893/25 OSCE+), Spain (PC.DEL/895/25 OSCE+), Ukraine (also on behalf of Lithuania and Poland), Ukraine (PC.DEL/916/25), Greece, Croatia (PC.DEL/897/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/910/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/902/25 OSCE+), Bulgaria, Sweden (PC.DEL/885/25 OSCE+), Iceland, Romania, Portugal, Cyprus, Estonia (also on behalf of Latvia and Lithuania), Slovakia (PC.DEL/929/25 OSCE+), Malta (PC.DEL/921/25 OSCE+), Slovenia,

Moldova, Belarus (PC.DEL/926/25 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/928/25 OSCE+), Austria, Montenegro (PC.DEL/937/25 OSCE+), Luxembourg, Belgium, Hungary, Albania, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/899/25), Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 5: 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/883/25)
- (b) *Further aggravation of the situation in the Republic of Moldova:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/884/25), Moldova, Denmark-European Union, United Kingdom
- (c) *Further acts of discrimination against the Russian and Russian-speaking population in the Republic of Estonia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/886/25), Estonia
- (d) *The human rights situation in Belarus:* Canada (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/909/25), Denmark-European Union, Belarus (PC.DEL/927/25 OSCE+)
- (e) *International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, observed on 30 August 2025:* Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/934/25), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Armenia (PC.DEL/918/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/887/25), Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus
- (f) *The human rights situation in Georgia:* Lithuania (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/888/25 OSCE+), Georgia

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador T. Hakala, to Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan from 8 to 16 September 2025:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/110/25 OSCE+)

- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Civil Society, Ms. A. Juvonen, to Georgia from 7 to 11 September 2025:*
Chairperson (CIO.GAL/110/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/110/25 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/90/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential election in Ireland, to be held on 24 October 2025:* Ireland (PC.DEL/903/25)
- (b) *Parliamentary election in Czechia, to be held on 3 and 4 October 2025:*
Czechia (PC.DEL/936/25 OSCE+), Belarus
- (c) *Outcomes of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Awaza, Turkmenistan, from 5 to 8 August 2025:*
Turkmenistan, Armenia (PC.DEL/920/25), Azerbaijan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 September 2025, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
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Annex 1

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

Madam Chairperson,

It remains deeply disappointing that the Finnish Chairmanship is openly 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. This also applies in full measure to item 4 on today’s agenda, which is distinctly propagandistic in nature.

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 and 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 duty-bound 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.



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LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Helsinki, 1 September 2025

Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group (MC.DD/2/25), expiring on Monday, 1 September 2025 at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council. Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Elina Valtonen
OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Ministerial Council**

MC.DEC/1/25
1 September 2025

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**DECISION No. 1/25
CLOSURE OF THE OSCE MINSK PROCESS,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT
WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE AND THE
HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP**

The Ministerial Council,

Taking note of the joint letter of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan contained in documents SEC.DEL/315/25 and SEC.DEL/316/25,

Acknowledging that the OSCE Minsk Process, the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group are no longer relevant in view of cardinal changes in the situation that once called for their establishment,

1. Declares the conclusions of the First Additional Meeting of the CSCE Council held in Helsinki on 24 March 1992 on the establishment of a Conference under the auspices of the CSCE (OSCE) which was supposed to take place in Minsk and all provisions reflected in subsequent OSCE decisions and documents deriving from this decision as invalid and not applicable;
2. Decides to close the OSCE Minsk Process, the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group;
3. Approves the financial resources contained in the document CIO.GAL/102/25 reflecting the financial implications of the closure of the mentioned structures;
4. Tasks the OSCE Secretariat to implement the activities contained in document CIO.GAL/102/25, and report the completion of all the required procedures to the Permanent Council.

MC.DEC/1/25
1 September 2025
Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Armenia:

“In connection with the adoption of the Ministerial Council decision on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group, the delegation of Armenia would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Armenia, together with Azerbaijan, initiated the adoption of this decision based on the Joint Appeal by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office signed in Washington, D.C. on 8 August 2025.

On the same day, the foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan initialled the agreed upon text of the Agreement on Establishment of Peace and Inter-State Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The initialization was witnessed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the President of the United States of America, who also signed the Joint Declaration.

The Joint Declaration acknowledged the ‘need to chart a course for a bright future not bound by the conflict of the past, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and the 1991 Almaty Declaration.’ It affirmed that the conditions have been created ‘to finally embark on building good neighbourly relations on the basis of the inviolability of international borders and the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory after the conflict that brought immense human suffering.’ It further stated that this ‘reality, which is not and should never be subject to revision, paves the way for closing the chapter of enmity between our two nations.’

In this environment the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Azerbaijan jointly appealed to close the Minsk Process structures of the OSCE, since they ‘are no longer relevant in view of cardinal changes in the situation that called for their establishment.’ The Ministers also confirmed their ‘shared commitment to the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act to continue the normalization process at the bilateral level.’

In the context of this historic momentum the Republic of Armenia looks forward to the timely signing and ratification of the Peace Agreement.

Thank you.”