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**Chairmanship: Finland**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
(1518th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Thursday, 24 April 2025

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson and a number of participating States, as well as a representative of the Secretary General, offered condolences to the Holy See on the death of His Holiness Pope Francis. The Holy See paid tribute to His Holiness Pope Francis.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/436/25/Rev.1), Switzerland (PC.DEL/448/25 OSCE+), Poland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/443/25 OSCE+), Ireland (PC.DEL/440/25), Canada (PC.DEL/437/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/445/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/438/25), Romania, Hungary (PC.DEL/446/25 OSCE+), Slovenia, Estonia (PC.DEL/441/25 OSCE+), Denmark (PC.DEL/451/25), Czechia (PC.DEL/444/25 OSCE+), Latvia (PC.DEL/442/25 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/449/25 OSCE+), Sweden, Bulgaria, San Marino, Lithuania (PC.DEL/452/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/439/25 OSCE+), Netherlands (PC.DEL/447/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2:        REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3:        ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 May 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,

The Russian Federation strongly objects to the manner in which the Chairmanship continues to organize discussions of the Ukraine topic, including at special meetings of the Permanent Council.

The convening of today's meeting, with the topic worded as announced, is outrageous and unprincipled, especially against the backdrop of the Kyiv regime's continuing terrorist attacks on Russian citizens in various regions of our country and its derailment of a host of initiatives that are aimed at military de-escalation.

The agenda for today's special meeting of the Permanent Council violates the OSCE established rules of procedure and does not give all participating States, including the Russian Federation, the opportunity to take part on an equal and non-discriminatory basis in a discussion regarding the developments in and around Ukraine.

The convening of any Permanent Council meeting must be fully in line with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE as regards consultations with all the participating States (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3) and may not contravene 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). We reject the logic of the Finnish Chairmanship, whose actions at present can in no way be described as balanced and transparent. Especially given the hushing up by the current Chairmanship of information on all the casualties and destruction that are being recorded in Russia.

In the light of the flagrant violation of the procedure for convening today's special meeting of the Permanent Council, we do not intend to speak on matters of substance. A detailed analysis of the situation in the zone of the Russian special military operation, together with other considerations, will be presented by us at the next regular meeting of the Permanent Council.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today's special 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.