

Chairmanship: Finland

1521st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

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

The Chairperson and a number of participating States offered their condolences to Israel (Partner for Co-operation) in connection with the murder of two Israeli Embassy employees that occurred in Washington, D.C. on 21 May 2025. Israel (Partner for Co-operation) thanked them for their expression of sympathy and condemned the attack.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/528/25), Italy (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/525/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/514/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Türkiye (PC.DEL/530/25 OSCE+), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/520/25 OSCE+), Luxembourg (PC.DEL/524/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
 SKOPJE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/4/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/526/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/511/25), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/512/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/529/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/521/25 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/531/25 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/517/25 OSCE+), Norway, North Macedonia (PC.DEL/522/25 OSCE+)

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/513/25)
- (b) *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, observed on 17 May 2025:* Chairperson, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/527/25), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Malta (PC.DEL/515/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *International Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners in Belarus, observed on 21 May 2025:* Poland (also on behalf of Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/519/25 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/523/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation

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

- (a) *Participation of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Youth, Peace and Security, Mr. S. Leinonen, in a "Model OSCE" event held in Sant Julià de Lòria, Andorra, from 19 to 21 May 2025:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/58/25 OSCE+)
- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Mr. C. Späti, to Türkiye on 19 and 20 May 2025:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/58/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *Information session regarding the Helsinki+50 discussions on the future of the OSCE, held on 21 May 2025:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/58/25 OSCE+)
- (d) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 2025 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial, held in Berlin on 13 and 14 May 2025: Secretary General*
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Albania from 14 to 16 May 2025: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/53/25 OSCE+), France*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Sixth Summit of the European Political Community, held in Tirana on 16 May 2025: Albania (PC.DEL/518/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom*
- (b) *Forthcoming events of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group: Malta (PC.DEL/516/25 OSCE+)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 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,

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.

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.