

Chairmanship: Finland

1510th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 27 February 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 12.20 p.m.

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

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/188/25), United Kingdom, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/195/25), Canada (PC.DEL/185/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/179/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/189/25 OSCE+), Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Ukraine), Ireland (PC.DEL/177/25), Czechia, Austria, Italy, Estonia, Netherlands (PC.DEL/198/25), Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Latvia, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Germany (PC.DEL/200/25 OSCE+), Spain, Greece, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, France, Montenegro, Malta, Cyprus, Belgium, Lithuania, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: 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/178/25)

- (b) *Illegal so-called presidential elections held in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia*: Chairperson, Georgia (PC.DEL/192/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland and Norway), Ukraine, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/196/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/180/25), Azerbaijan, Türkiye (PC.DEL/190/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/182/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *Violations of religious freedom in Estonia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/183/25), Estonia
- (d) *Anniversaries of the deaths of Mr. B. Nemtsov and Mr. A. Navalny and the human rights situation in the Russian Federation*: Chairperson, United Kingdom (also on behalf of Albania, Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/187/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/186/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in the 61st Munich Security Conference, held from 14 to 16 February 2025*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office to Ukraine on 24 February 2025 and to Moldova on 26 and 27 February 2025, accompanying the OSCE Secretary General*: Chairperson
- (c) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/24/25 OSCE+): Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 March 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 is deeply disappointing that the Finnish Chairmanship is 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, 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 obliged 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.