

**Chairmanship: Finland**

**1526th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 July 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Suspended: 12.50 p.m.

Resumed: 3 p.m.

Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Neuvonen  
Mr. K. Laukkanen

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/691/25), 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/686/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/678/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/670/25), United Kingdom, Türkiye (PC.DEL/692/25 OSCE+), Malta (PC.DEL/697/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation

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

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/6/25 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/698/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/675/25), United Kingdom, Russian Federation

(PC.DEL/671/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/672/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/694/25 OSCE+), North Macedonia (PC.DEL/708/25 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/705/25 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/673/25/Corr.1)
- (b) *International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, observed on 26 June 2025: Switzerland* (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/693/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/674/25), Armenia (PC.DEL/687/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/695/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Ukraine, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/703/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *World Refugee Day, observed on 20 June 2025: Canada* (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/677/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/676/25), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/699/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/696/25 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/688/25), Georgia (PC.DEL/685/25 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/704/25 OSCE+)
- (d) *Release of prisoners in Belarus: Germany* (also on behalf of Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/684/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/679/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/689/25 OSCE+)
- (e) *Malign activity in the OSCE region: United States of America* (PC.DEL/680/25) (PC.DEL/681/25), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/700/25), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Canada), Ukraine, Moldova (PC.DEL/702/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Australia (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/683/25 OSCE+), Chairperson

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

- (a)     *Call for contributions to the Helsinki+50 Fund*: Chairperson
- (b)     *Call for registrations for the Helsinki+50 Conference: Respecting the Legacy, Preparing for the Future, to be held on 31 July 2025, and for the Helsinki+50 discussions on the future of the OSCE, to be held on 1 August 2025*:  
Chairperson
- (c)     *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/75/25 OSCE+)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5:       REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/71/25 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 6:       ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)     *Joint report of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Belarus and the Russian Federation on the human rights situation in certain countries*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/682/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/690/25 OSCE+)
- (b)     *Meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group to be held on 7 July 2025*: Malta

4.     Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 July 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**

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.

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.