
Chairmanship: Finland

1538th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 October 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 5 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/1119/25), United Kingdom, Canada (PC.DEL/1123/25), 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/1093/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1111/25 OSCE+), Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America, Denmark-European Union

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN
KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/12/25 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1105/25), United Kingdom, Russian Federation

(PC.DEL/1082/25/Corr.1), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1112/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1102/25 OSCE+), Ireland, Spain (PC.DEL/1095/25 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/1089/25), Cyprus, United States of America, Greece, Serbia, Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/1116/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON CLIMATE AND
SECURITY, MS. KERSTIN STENDAHL

Chairperson, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Climate and Security, Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, the United Kingdom and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1094/25/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1096/25 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1099/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1113/25 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1106/25), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1117/25 OSCE+), Slovenia, Norway, Ireland, Sweden, Greece, Austria, Germany

Agenda item 4: 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/1083/25), Switzerland
- (b) *European and World Day against the Death Penalty, observed on 10 October 2025:* Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1109/25), Switzerland (also on behalf of Andorra, Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/1103/25 OSCE+), Italy, Türkiye (PC.DEL/1114/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1085/25), Armenia (PC.DEL/1107/25), United States of America, Belarus (PC.DEL/1100/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *International Day of the Girl Child, observed on 11 October 2025:* Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1110/25), Canada (also on behalf of Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/1124/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1091/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1115/25 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1108/25), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1118/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1125/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan on 14 and 15 October 2025:* Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1098/25 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1104/25/Corr.1 OSCE+), Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands,

Sweden and the United Kingdom), Belarus (PC.DEL/1101/25 OSCE+), Azerbaijan

- (b) *Drawing of lots to establish the preliminary order of statements for the Thirty-Second Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be carried out on 23 October 2025: Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/110/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (b) *Update 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: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (c) *Update on the financial situation of the OSCE: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Forthcoming meeting of the Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, to be held on 24 October 2025: Malta, Australia (Partner for Co-operation)*
- (b) *Outcomes of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) summit held in Dushanbe on 9 and 10 October 2025: Tajikistan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1097/25), Belarus, Turkmenistan*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 October 2025, at 9.30 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.