
Chairmanship: Finland

1523rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 5 June 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.50 p.m.
Resumed: 1 p.m.
Closed: 5.15 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/576/25), 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, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/555/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Canada (PC.DEL/571/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/560/25 OSCE+), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/562/25 OSCE+), Belarus, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

Chairperson, High Commissioner on National Minorities
(HCNM.GAL/1/25/Corr.1 Restr.), Poland-European Union (with Albania,

1 Contains corrections to alignments in agenda items 1 and 3.

Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/566/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/549/25), Ukraine, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/563/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/561/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/550/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Canada), Azerbaijan, Armenia (PC.DEL/574/25), Hungary (PC.DEL/551/25 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/568/25 OSCE+), Norway, Switzerland (PC.DEL/565/25 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro (PC.DEL/575/25 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Holy See (PC.DEL/552/25 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/569/25 OSCE+), Tajikistan, Georgia (PC.DEL/572/25 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/6/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 PROGRAMME OUTLINE
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/58/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/567/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/557/25), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/564/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/554/25 OSCE+), Armenia, Canada (PC.DEL/573/25), Poland (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), Uzbekistan, Norway, Azerbaijan, Malta, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan

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/556/25 OSCE+)
- (b) *Anti-democratic and repressive practices of the Kiev regime as a result of external governance over Ukraine since 2014*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/559/25)
- (c) *Situation regarding the desecration and destruction of monuments dedicated to those who fought against Nazism during World War II*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/558/25), Belarus, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Germany

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

- (a) *Presentation by the Chairperson-in-Office of the priorities and activities of the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship to the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers on 4 June 2025*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, to take place on 10 and 11 June 2025*: Chairperson

- (c) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/56/25 OSCE+): Head of Conference and Language Services

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 June 2025, at 9 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.