



1200th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 1307
TIMETABLE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

(Milan, 6 and 7 December 2018)

The Permanent Council,

Recognizing that the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure,

Adopts the timetable of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council as set out below.

Timetable

Thursday, 6 December 2018

10 a.m. **Opening session (open)**

- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
- Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
- Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- Report by the OSCE Secretary General

First plenary session (closed)

- Statements by heads of delegations

1.15 p.m. Family photo

1.30 p.m. Working lunch for ministers of foreign affairs/heads of delegations

- Separate lunch for members of delegations

3–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations

7.30 p.m. Official dinner for ministers of foreign affairs/heads of delegations

Reception for members of delegations

Friday, 7 December 2018

10 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents and decisions
- Closing statements by delegations
- Any other business

Closing session (open)

- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairpersons-in-Office)

1.30 p.m. Press conference

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Attachment 1

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the adoption of the timetable of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the delegation of the Russian Federation expresses its deep disappointment at the fact that once again it proved impossible to reach agreement on a list of international organizations, institutions and initiatives whose representatives will be invited to the Ministerial Council meeting and will have the right to address the meeting and/or distribute written statements, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Unfortunately, during the discussions, once more it was not possible to agree on the question of equal rights for organizations. We note the attempts to establish a discriminatory hierarchy of organizations, artificially giving some a higher status than others. This contravenes the provisions of the Platform for Co-operative Security as part of the 1999 Charter for European Security.

The Russian delegation hopes that in future the OSCE participating States will manage to overcome their differences on this question.

We take the position that, in the absence of a Permanent Council decision on the organizational modalities for the holding of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, statements by representatives of international organizations during the Ministerial Council meeting should be possible solely in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE – only on the basis of an oral consensus decision by all OSCE participating States.

I request that this statement be appended to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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The delegation of Austria, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the timetable for the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement.

Paragraph IV.2(B)2 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure states that ‘the decision on the timetable and organizational modalities for each Ministerial Council meeting shall be adopted by the Permanent Council not later than one month before the meeting.’

While the European Union welcomes the decision adopting the timetable for the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, we regret that consensus could not be reached on the modalities for the Meeting, and in particular on which organizations to invite and the modalities of their participation.

Under the OSCE Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Ministerial Council, Paragraph IV.2(B)5 states that, ‘For each meeting, the Permanent Council shall specify the list of international organizations, institutions, and initiatives to be invited to attend and to make oral and/or written contributions.’ In the absence of consensus on this issue, the Chairmanship-in-Office should fall back on past agreed modalities.

The decision on the timetable of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council does not represent a precedent for the organization of future Ministerial Council meetings.

We request that this statement be attached to the relevant decision.”

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and San Marino align themselves with this statement.

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Canada:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the timetable for the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, Canada would like to make the following interpretative statement in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Canada regrets that consensus could, once again, not be reached on the modalities for the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, in particular on which organizations should be invited and on the modalities for their participation.

The decision on the timetable of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council does not represent a precedent for the organization of future Ministerial Council meetings.

We invite the Chairmanship to draw upon past agreed modalities to conduct this important meeting.

We ask that this statement be attached to the decision we have just adopted and included in the journal of the day.”