
Chairmanship: Finland

1537th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 9 October 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

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

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson and a number of participating States offered condolences to the United Kingdom in connection with the lives lost in the attack on a synagogue in Manchester, United Kingdom, on 2 October 2025. The United Kingdom thanked the Chairperson and the Council for their expressions of sympathy.

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/1062/25), United Kingdom, 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/1056/25), Canada, Türkiye (PC.DEL/1063/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1067/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1054/25)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 UNIFIED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Secretary General (SEC.GAL/109/25), Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1051/25 Restr.), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1065/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1055/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1073/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Canada, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1061/25 OSCE+), Denmark (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/1057/25/Rev.2), Armenia (PC.DEL/1070/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1077/25), Turkmenistan, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1068/25 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/1052/25)
- (b) *Municipal elections in Georgia, held on 4 October 2025*: Georgia (PC.DEL/1060/25/Corr.1 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union, United Kingdom (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden), Norway (PC.DEL/1078/25), Canada, Russian Federation, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1069/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Belarus, Chairperson

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

- (a) *Opening of the 2025 Warsaw Human Dimension Conference by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Ms. E. Valtonen, on 6 October 2025*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/118/25 OSCE+)
- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. T. Lenk, to Moldova from 7 to 10 October 2025*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/118/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/118/25 OSCE+)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/108/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Seventh European Political Community Summit, held in Copenhagen on 2 October 2025: Denmark (PC.DEL/1058/25), United Kingdom, Armenia (PC.DEL/1072/25 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 October 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 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.