



Chairmanship: Germany

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1122nd Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 (Hamburg)

Opened: 3.05 p.m.

Closed: 3.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE TIMETABLE OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL
COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1235 (PC.DEC/1235) on the timetable of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

France (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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DECISION No. 1235
TIMETABLE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

(Hamburg, 8 and 9 December 2016)

The Permanent Council,

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

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

Thursday, 8 December 2016

10 a.m. **Opening session**

- 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

- Statements by ministers and other heads of delegations

1 p.m. Family photo

1.30 p.m. Informal luncheon for the ministers and other heads of delegations

3.15 p.m. **Second plenary session**

- Statements by ministers and other heads of delegations

7.30 p.m. Official dinner for the ministers and other heads of delegations

Friday, 9 December 2016

10 a.m. **Third plenary session**

- Statements by ministers and other heads of delegations

Fourth plenary session

- Adoption of Ministerial Council decisions and documents
- Any other business

12.30 p.m. **Closing session**

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

1.30 p.m. Press conference

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Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: FRENCH

**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 France:

“The French delegation would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure.

The decision on the timetable of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council does not set a precedent for the organization of subsequent Ministerial Councils of the Organization.

We recall that paragraph IV.2(B)2 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE stipulates 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.””

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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

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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 United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

In accordance with the relevant portion of the OSCE Rules of Procedure my delegation would like to make the following interpretative statement:

For most of us it is self-evident that our meetings should be conducted according to the Rules of Procedure.

We therefore interpret the addition to this decision of the language referencing the OSCE Rules of Procedure as necessary for only one delegation which needed to remind itself to follow the Rules of Procedure.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”