



Chairmanship: Finland

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1547th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 30 December 2025

Opened: 11.30 a.m.
Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Neuvonen

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1516 (PC.DEC/1516) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1517 (PC.DEC/1517) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1518 (PC.DEC/1518) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1519 (PC.DEC/1519) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1520 (PC.DEC/1520) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ASTANA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1521 (PC.DEC/1521) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, the text of which is appended to this journal.

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

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1522 (PC.DEC/1522) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN DUSHANBE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1523 (PC.DEC/1523) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1524 (PC.DEC/1524) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1525 (PC.DEC/1525) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision),
Moldova (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision),
Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia,
Norway, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (interpretative

statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision), United Kingdom (interpretative statement, see attachment 6 to the decision), Switzerland (interpretative statement, see attachment 7 to the decision)

Agenda item 11: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcement of the adoption of the Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council: Chairperson*

The Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 24 December 2025 (Annex 1), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/25 (MC.DEC/2/25) on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see the attachment to the decision)

- (b) *Terrorist attack by the Ukrainian armed forces on the State residence of the President of the Russian Federation in the Novgorod region: Russian Federation (Annex 2), Ukraine (Annex 3)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 January 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.JOUR/1547
30 December 2025
Annex 1

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 12(a)

LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Helsinki, 24 December 2025

Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/1/25), expiring on Wednesday, 24 December 2025 at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Thirty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council. Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

[signature]

Elina Valtonen
OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs
of the OSCE participating States



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.JOUR/1547
30 December 2025
Annex 2

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 12(b)

**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Madam Chairperson,
Esteemed colleagues,

Circumstances require us to draw your attention to the statement made yesterday by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov.

On the night of 28–29 December 2025, the Kyiv regime launched a terrorist attack using 91 long-range unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) on the State residence of the President of the Russian Federation in the Novgorod region. All of the UCAVs were destroyed by the air defence systems of the Russian armed forces.

There were no reports of casualties or damage from UCAV debris.

We should like to point out that this action was taken against the backdrop of intensive negotiations between Russia and the United States of America on the settlement of the Ukrainian conflict.

Such reckless actions will not go unanswered. The targets for retaliatory strikes and the timing of such strikes by the Russian armed forces have been determined.

At the same time, we have no intention of withdrawing from the negotiation process with the United States. However, given the complete degeneration of the criminal Kyiv regime, which has shifted to a policy of State terrorism, Russia's negotiating position will be revised.

Moreover, it should also be noted that President Putin held 17 contacts with US representatives over the past year. This includes a visit to Alaska, ten telephone conversations with Donald Trump and six meetings with his special envoys. You can draw your own conclusions about what this means.

During the most recent telephone conversation between the leaders, Mr. Trump and his key advisers who were present during the conversation provided detailed information about the main outcomes of the negotiations with the Ukrainian delegation in Mar-a-Lago.

Vladimir Putin drew his counterpart's attention to the fact that the Kyiv regime launched the aforementioned terrorist attack almost immediately after what the United States considers to have been a successful round of negotiations in Mar-a-Lago.

The President emphasized that Russia intends to continue working closely and fruitfully with its US partners to find ways to achieve peace. However, Russia's position regarding a number of previously reached agreements and emerging solutions will naturally be revised. This has been stated very clearly.

Given the State terrorism being carried out by the Kyiv regime, Russia cannot act otherwise.

Thank you for your attention.



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Annex 3

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 12(b)

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

In response to the intervention by the Russian representative, I would like to quote my Minister who gave clear qualification to such baseless accusations:

“Russian manipulations regarding the alleged ‘attempt to attack Putin’s residence’ are fabricated for only one reason: to create a pretext and false justification for Russia’s further attacks against Ukraine, as well as to undermine and impede the peace process.

“The usual Russian tactic: accuse the other side of what you are doing or planning yourself.

“First, Russia has already struck the Ukrainian government building this year.

“Second, Ukraine only strikes legitimate military targets in Russian territory – in response to Russian strikes at Ukraine.

“Third, Russia is the aggressor, and Ukraine is the country that has been attacked and defends itself according to article 51 of the UN Charter. There can be no false equivalence between the aggressor and the country defending itself.

“We urge the world to condemn provocative Russian statements aimed at derailing the constructive peace process. Ukraine remains committed to the peace efforts led by the United States of America, with the participation of European partners.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Ministerial Council**

MC.DEC/2/25
24 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

**DECISION No. 2/25
TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Ministerial Council,

Decides that the Thirty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held in Lugano on 3 and 4 December 2026.

MC.DEC/2/25
24 December 2025
Attachment

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the adoption of a Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the Russian Federation assumes that, on all matters relating to the OSCE’s activities, Switzerland will strictly adhere to the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office, as set out in the 2002 Porto Ministerial Council decision, first and foremost by reflecting the opinion of all 57 participating States and not promoting its national and EU narratives.

We agree to this decision on the understanding that the rights of all delegations to participate fully in the Ministerial Council meeting in Lugano will be guaranteed.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today’s special meeting of the Permanent Council.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1516
30 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 1516
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1516
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1517
30 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 1517
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina until 31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1517
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1518
30 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 3

DECISION No. 1518
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1518
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1519
30 December 2025

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1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 4

DECISION No. 1519
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1519
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1520
30 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 1520
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1520
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1521
30 December 2025

Original: ENGLISH

1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 6

**DECISION No. 1521
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ASTANA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1521
30 December 2025
Attachment 1

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

Original: ENGLISH

**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 Kazakhstan:

“Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

In relation to the adoption of the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana until 31 December 2026, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

On 16 December, Kazakhstan celebrated the 34th anniversary of its independence. Over the past years, our country has undertaken large-scale political, economic and social reforms aimed at building a ‘Just Kazakhstan’, from modernizing the governance system to improving the welfare of citizens and developing a competitive, resilient national economy.

These reforms include strengthening democratic institutions, expanding public participation in decision-making and enhancing the transparency and accountability of State bodies. Significant efforts have also been directed toward diversifying the economy, fostering innovation, improving the investment climate and supporting entrepreneurship.

Against this backdrop, the OSCE field mission in Kazakhstan has been operating for 26 years, since 1999. Over this period, it has played an important role in supporting national reforms, strengthening civil society institutions, promoting the principles of the rule of law and advancing economic and environmental co-operation. Through constructive engagement with government agencies and consistent support for Kazakhstan’s priorities, the Office has fully carried out its mandate in the national context and has made a significant contribution to strengthening co-operation between our country and the Organization.

In light of these achievements, and taking into account the country’s socio-economic and institutional progress, the comprehensive political and democratic reforms implemented, as well as Kazakhstan’s growing role as a ‘middle power’ and a flagship of regional integration, the transition to a new format of the OSCE’s presence in Kazakhstan appears well justified.

It is within this evolving context that, since 2017, Kazakhstan has consistently advocated for the transformation of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana into the Regional Centre of the OSCE on Sustainable Connectivity for Central Asia as a forward-looking

mechanism capable of addressing emerging economic and connectivity challenges across the OSCE area.

The idea of the OSCE Regional Centre was officially presented by the delegation of Kazakhstan at the OSCE Security Days devoted to the topic 'Adding value on the ground: Enhancing OSCE assistance, visibility and impact', held in Vienna on 27 April 2018 (SEC.DAYS/6/18 dated 30 May 2018).

In 2019, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities implemented the extrabudgetary project 'Feasibility study on the establishment of OSCE thematic centres/hubs or centres for analysis and research in the second dimension'.

As a result, by support of the Albanian Chairmanship, three rounds of informal consultations were organized for discussions and to explore the idea of this initiative further (CIO.GAL/89/20 dated 19 November 2020).

We hope for constructive co-operation with the Swiss Chairmanship, the Secretariat and the participating States next year to implement this initiative.

At the same time, we would like to remind once again of article 41 of the Charter for European Security, which states: 'The host country of an OSCE field operation should, when appropriate, be assisted in building its own capacity and expertise within the area of responsibility. This would facilitate an efficient transfer of the tasks of the operation to the host country, and consequently the closure of the field operation.'

Should the above-mentioned initiative to transform the OSCE Programme Office in Astana into the Regional Centre of the OSCE on Sustainable Connectivity for Central Asia fail to reach consensus among the participating States next year, the Republic of Kazakhstan will be compelled to take a decision regarding its closure in 2027.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning that the closure of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana would contribute to a reduction in the OSCE Unified Budget.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and journal of the day.

I thank you."



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1522
30 December 2025

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1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 7

DECISION No. 1522
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek until
31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1522
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1523
30 December 2025

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1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 8

DECISION No. 1523
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN DUSHANBE

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe until 31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1523
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1524
30 December 2025

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1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 9

**DECISION No. 1524
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan until 31 December 2026.

PC.DEC/1524
30 December 2025
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

**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 United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you.”



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1525
30 December 2025

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1547th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1547, Agenda item 10

DECISION No. 1525
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 30 June 2026.

PC.DEC/1525
30 December 2025
Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**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:

“Having joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 30 June 2026, the Russian Federation assumes that the Mission’s activities will continue to be carried out in full compliance with the agreed tasks.

We trust that the field operation will use all available resources and its full potential to facilitate the resumption of meaningful work in the ‘5+2’ negotiation format, which is the sole platform for working out the parameters for a long-term and comprehensive political settlement of the conflict in Transdnistria. We expect a firm and uncompromising response from the Mission’s leadership to any attempts to question the relevance of this format.

At the same time, we should like to stress that it is unacceptable to use the OSCE Mission to Moldova to address parochial political concerns that go beyond its agreed mandate. First and foremost, this relates to the involvement of the field operation in the implementation of Moldova’s European integration agenda, as well as to interference in the activities of the Operative Group of Russian Forces deployed in Transdnistria.

The fulfilment of the aforementioned conditions will be a decisive factor in the Russian Federation’s decision on the fate of the Mission once its mandate expires on 30 June 2026.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today’s special meeting of the Permanent Council.”

Original: ENGLISH

**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 Moldova:

“The delegation of the Republic of Moldova wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The Republic of Moldova regrets that the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova has been extended for a period of six months, notwithstanding the consistent position of the host country in favour of a one-year extension, as reaffirmed in OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 adopted in Brussels in 2006.

The Republic of Moldova underlines the importance of stability and predictability for the effective implementation of the Mission’s mandate and reiterates its appreciation for the professional and impartial work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. We reaffirm our support for the Mission’s role in facilitating dialogue and confidence-building, including in efforts towards a comprehensive and peaceful settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders.

To ensure continuity of the Mission’s work, the Republic of Moldova has joined the consensus on the six-month extension and reiterates its expectation that future extensions will revert to the established one-year mandate.

I would like to ask for this interpretative statement to be attached to the decision and journal of the day.

I thank you.”

Original: ENGLISH

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The delegation of Denmark, 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 on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union deeply deplores once again the isolated and unsubstantiated position of the Russian Federation to arbitrarily limit the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova to six months instead of one year, which is the rule we collectively subscribed to and reconfirmed in 2006 at the ministerial level. Indeed, the Brussels OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 reaffirmed unequivocally that the mandate for field operations should be of a one-year duration when the participating State hosting the field operation concurs. We continue to believe that a six-month extension represents a very heavy administrative burden for the Mission and we do not see any reason to render the functioning of the Mission even more challenging in the current very difficult circumstances, when the Republic of Moldova continues to face the consequences of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

We commend the Mission for the outstanding work in implementing the mandate, which has continued in spite of the present challenging circumstances. We recall our strong support for the Mission's work in facilitating engagement and regular dialogue between the sides in the context of achieving a lasting comprehensive political settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova within its internationally recognized borders with a special status for Transnistria.

It is essential that the Mission continues to monitor the situation in the Security Zone and on the border with Ukraine, reporting promptly on any incidents occurring there. We reiterate our appeal for strict adherence to the rules established by the Joint Control Commission in the Security Zone and emphasize the importance of respecting the Mission's mandate and ensuring the free movement of its members.

Having in mind the importance of allowing the OSCE Mission to Moldova to continue its invaluable work, and taking into account the position of the host country, the European Union has decided to join the consensus to extend the mandate by six months.

We call on Russia to reconsider its position in order to allow for a resumption of a one-year extension of the Mission's mandate, as per the established rule it agreed upon at ministerial level during the Ministerial Council meeting in Brussels in 2006.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today's meeting.

Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, (Republic of) Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.”

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
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By the delegation of the United States of America:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United States of America makes the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The United States values the work of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. The United States recalls Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 on further strengthening the effectiveness of OSCE executive structures and reminds Russia of its commitment to that decision and to the principle that ‘when the participating State hosting a field operation concurs, the mandate for field operations should be of a one year duration’. Per Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06, the Mission’s mandate should be brought in line with the yearly OSCE cycle.

The United States is committed to structural reforms, including right-sizing field missions, to refocus the OSCE on its core mandate of promoting peace, preventing wars and increasing prosperity. We expect real, serious change and invite all delegates to join us in shaping an OSCE worthy of its origins in Helsinki and prepared for the responsibilities of this century – an OSCE fully ready to contribute to peace, stability and prosperity.

Madam Chairperson, I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Before closing, however, I would like to say that we were very glad that we were finally able to agree to the extensions of the field missions before their expiration tomorrow. It is regrettable that these could not have been done at a regular Permanent Council meeting before the recess. While I do not mind coming in this morning, the special Permanent Council meeting required bringing in our fabulous interpreters at a huge and avoidable cost to the Organization.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.”

Original: ENGLISH

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PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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By the delegation of Canada:

“Madam Chairperson,

Regarding the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Canada would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Canada regrets that one participating State has again blocked consensus on extending the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova for the regular one-year term. Canada continues to strongly support the mandate of the Mission, and the role that it plays to support Moldova in addressing the challenges and security risks it faces.

Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 states clearly that ‘when the participating State hosting a field operation concurs, the mandate for field operations should be of a one year duration’.

In refusing to agree to a one-year extension for the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the Russian Federation is yet again abusing the consensus principle to undermine an existing consensus decision.

We are again joining consensus on this irregular six-month extension but are disappointed that the Russian Federation has once again prioritized its narrow national interest to undermine the efficiency and effectiveness of our Organization, and broader European security.

We sincerely hope that the Russian Federation does not plan to continue this disruptive path and that the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova will be renewed for the regular one-year term in June 2026.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision.

Thank you.”

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Attachment 6

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
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By the delegation of the United Kingdom:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United Kingdom would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Firstly, the United Kingdom welcomes the adoption of the decisions this morning and would like to underline our disappointment that it has taken participating States until 30 December to agree consensus on what should be a routine set of mandate extensions. We hope these can again be agreed earlier in December in future years, in line with past practice.

In relation specifically to the extension of the mandate for the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the United Kingdom again regrets that the Russian Federation has chosen not to allow the full 12-month extension requested by the Mission and host country. We reiterate our call on the Russian Federation to reconsider its position for future mandate renewals and return to agreeing full 12-month mandate extensions for the Mission.

Madam Chairperson, I would like to request that this statement be attached to the decision as adopted and to the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 7

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
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By the delegation of Switzerland:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Switzerland would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

Switzerland regrets that once again we were unable to agree on the regular one-year extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 clearly states that the mandate of field operations should be of a one-year duration when the host country of the field operation agrees.

We would like to recall our strong support for the Mission’s work and express our gratitude for its valuable efforts on the ground. It is imperative that the team can keep up its work without additional difficulties.

Taking into account the position of the host country, Switzerland decided to join consensus to extend the mandate by six months.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today’s meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”