
Chairmanship: France

1131st PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2026 (in the Neuer Saal)

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador F. Benhabylès-Foeth

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson congratulated the Conflict Prevention Centre on the 35th anniversary of its establishment on 18 March 1991. The Russian Federation added its voice to the congratulations. The Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre responded by expressing her appreciation to the Forum.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/123/26), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/121/26 OSCE+), Cyprus (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, 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) (FSC.DEL/122/26 OSCE+), Canada (FSC.DEL/124/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (b) *Special military operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/126/26), Canada, France, United Kingdom
- (c) *Right of reply to the statement made by the Russian Federation under the agenda item "General statements" at the 1130th Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation:* Montenegro (FSC.DEL/127/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Military exercise “ORION 2026”, being conducted from 8 February to 30 April 2026: France*
- (b) *Information exchange workshops being held in the week of 16 to 20 March 2026: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 March 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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

Madam Chairperson,

Once again, in view of the highly unsatisfactory outcome of the 98th joint meeting of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) and the OSCE Permanent Council, we are obliged to state the following.

The delegation of the Russian Federation considers inappropriate any attempts to use the exalted position of a chairing country to undermine the consensus basis of the OSCE's work.

The FSC Chairperson is a technical moderator, not a political referee, and the Chairperson's tasks are strictly delimited by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

It is expressly stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE that the Forum's Chairmanship is responsible "on behalf of the FSC for co-ordination of and consultation on current FSC business" (paragraph III.4 of the Rules of Procedure). On behalf of the FSC means on behalf of all 57 participating States without exception, participating States whose interests must be taken into account and respected in your actions.

The FSC Chairmanship has no authority to make political assessments of statements by participating States, nor to attempt to silence those who take a different view of the security situation.

We call upon the French Chairmanship not to undermine the sustainability of the FSC and its status as the main pan-European platform for dialogue in the field of military security. I would remind you this is precisely how the OSCE Secretary General, His Excellency Mr. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, described the Forum in his statement at the 98th joint meeting of the FSC and the Permanent Council.

To this end, it is necessary to strictly abide by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and adhere to the approaches to the Organization's work that have been agreed upon by all the participating States, rather than to NATO, EU or national positions.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.