
Chairmanship: Switzerland**1555th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 February 2026 (in the Neuer Saal)

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli

Russian Federation (Annex), Belarus (PC.DEL/187/26 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, H.E. MR. MIHAI POPȘOI

Chairperson, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/215/26 OSCE+), Secretary General, Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/212/26), Ukraine (PC.DEL/197/26), Montenegro (PC.DEL/211/26 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/210/26 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/180/26 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Albania (PC.DEL/181/26 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/202/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/209/26), Norway (PC.DEL/208/26), Finland, Romania, Malta, Serbia (PC.DEL/184/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/189/26)

Agenda item 2: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION’S ONGOING AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/199/26), Canada (PC.DEL/207/26), United Kingdom, 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) (PC.DEL/193/26 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/214/26 OSCE+), Estonia (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden) (PC.DEL/195/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/186/26)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ongoing attempts by some participating States to undermine efforts at finding a long-term and sustainable peaceful solution to the Ukrainian crisis: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/188/26), United Kingdom, France, Ukraine*
- (b) *Second anniversary of Alexei Navalny's death on 16 February 2024: Czechia (also on behalf of Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/185/26 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/190/26)*

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

- (a) *Participation by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, in the 62nd Munich Security Conference on 13 February 2026: Chairperson*
- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office – Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Mr. P. Mareš, to Berne on 18 February 2026: Chairperson*
- (c) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Mr. C. Späti, to the Russian Federation from 13 to 20 February 2026: Chairperson*
- (d) *Meetings of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, with members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. E. Konaković, the leadership of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the team of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, held in Sarajevo on 20 February 2026: Chairperson*
- (e) *Statement regarding the proceedings of the 98th Joint Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation and the Permanent Council, held on 25 February 2026: Belarus (PC.DEL/191/26 OSCE+), Chairperson, France, Russian Federation*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/26 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *National referendum on the adoption of a new Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, to be held on 15 March 2026: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/213/26 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria, to be held on 19 April 2026: Bulgaria*
- (c) *Twenty-Fifth Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Vienna on 19 and 20 February 2026: Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 March 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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

Mr. Chairperson,

It is disappointing that the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office, bending to the political climate, continues to include a confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda.

Such actions by the Chairmanship are directly incompatible with standing agenda items as established by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (chapter IV.1(C)). This precludes the possibility of equal and non-discriminatory participation 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 as regards 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).

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.