

**Chairmanship: Switzerland**

**1563rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 7 May 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. N. Plattner  
Mr. F. Milan

Russian Federation (Annex 1), Chairperson

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

Agenda item 1: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION  
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine, Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/423/26), United Kingdom, Canada (PC.DEL/431/26), Türkiye (PC.DEL/427/26 OSCE+), Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/408/26/Rev.1)

Agenda item 2: 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/409/26), Cyprus-European Union

(b) *World Press Freedom Day, observed on 3 May 2026:* Chairperson, Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/424/26), Montenegro (PC.DEL/450/26 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/437/26 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/410/26 OSCE+),

Ukraine (PC.DEL/449/26), Finland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom), Georgia, Serbia (PC.DEL/439/26 OSCE+), Türkiye, Armenia (PC.DEL/444/26), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/446/26 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/418/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/411/26), Uzbekistan

- (c) *Europe Day, observed on 9 May 2026*: Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/425/26), Montenegro, Ukraine, Russian Federation
- (d) *Eighty-first anniversary of the victory over Nazism in the Second World War*: Belarus (also on behalf of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/421/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/443/26), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/447/26 OSCE+)
- (e) *The dangers of Holocaust distortion and denial*: United States of America (PC.DEL/429/26), Greece, Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/426/26), Romania, United Kingdom, Germany (PC.DEL/412/26 OSCE+), Bulgaria, Albania (PC.DEL/436/26 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/428/26 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/433/26 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/440/26 OSCE+), Ukraine, Italy, Norway (PC.DEL/413/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/419/26), Ireland, France (Annex 2), Belarus (PC.DEL/416/26 OSCE+), Montenegro, Netherlands (PC.DEL/422/26 OSCE+), Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/432/26 OSCE+)
- (f) *The Russian Federation's continuous policy of distortion of the historical truth and eradication of the memory of victims of the Soviet totalitarian regime*: Lithuania (also on behalf of Estonia, Latvia and Poland) (PC.DEL/438/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/420/26)

Agenda item 3:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, in the Chairmanship conference "Anticipating technologies – for a safe and humane future" being held in Geneva on 7 and 8 May 2026*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, Rabbi A. Baker, to Moldova from 6 to 8 May 2026*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/56/26 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Participation by the Secretary General in the eighth European Political Community Summit, held in Yerevan on 4 May 2026:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/56/26 OSCE+)
- (c) *Participation by the Secretary General in the Chairmanship conference “Anticipating technologies – for a safe and humane future” being held in Geneva on 7 and 8 May 2026:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) *Update by the Conflict Prevention Centre of an interactive map powered by the OSCE Geographic Information System (OGIS):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/56/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *First Samarkand International Forum on “Countering Transnational Drug Threats to Public Health and Security”, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 20 and 21 April 2026:* Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Malta, to be held on 30 May 2026:* Malta (PC.DEL/417/26 OSCE+)
- (c) *Eighth European Political Community Summit, held in Yerevan on 4 May 2026, and the Armenia-European Union Summit, held in Yerevan on 5 May 2026:* Armenia (PC.DEL/445/26), United Kingdom, Canada (PC.DEL/434/26 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union, Ireland, France
- (d) *2026 Democracy Defender Award presentation and seminar, to be held on 13 May 2026:* Canada (PC.DEL/435/26 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 14 May 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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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.



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to thank the United States of America for having placed this item on the agenda, and the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Ellen Germain, for being here today.

Following the statement by the European Union, which France endorses, allow me to add a few words in a national capacity.

Against the backdrop of constant attempts to distort history, in particular – as we witness here every week – by Russia in its desperate striving to justify its aggression against Ukraine, France recalls that Holocaust denial, anti-Semitism and the manipulation of historical facts must be combated and firmly punished.

It is with this aim in mind, and in order to strengthen and promote Holocaust education, remembrance and research, that France will chair the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2027.

Lastly, quoting the President of the French Republic, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Pierre-François Veil, who has just passed away: “His commitment as President of the Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, a role he had held since 2023, following in the footsteps of Simone Veil and David de Rothschild, was rooted in a loyalty both to his family’s history and to his personal ideals. He was present, in particular, for the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Vél d’Hiv round-up and the liberation of the camps, and for so many other occasions of remembrance and passing on the memory.”

I thank you and kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.