

Chairmanship: Switzerland**1566th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli

Russian Federation (Annex 1)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/523/26) (Annex 2), Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/521/26), United Kingdom, Canada, Türkiye (PC.DEL/525/26 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/526/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/514/26) (Annex 3)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/5/25 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/522/26/Rev.1), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/513/26 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/520/26 OSCE+), Türkiye, Spain (PC.DEL/515/26 OSCE+), Estonia (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden) (PC.DEL/517/26 OSCE+), Slovakia, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Serbia (PC.DEL/516/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Ongoing attempts by some participating States to undermine efforts of finding a long-term and sustainable peaceful solution to the Ukrainian crisis: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/519/26)

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

None

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/63/26 OSCE+): Head of Conference and Language Services

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 4 June 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 UKRAINE**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to exercise my right of reply in response to the statement by the Russian Federation.

Despite our protests and exhortations by other delegations, the Russian delegation has once again failed to refrain from using undiplomatic and offensive language.

In this regard, I should like once again to register our resolute protest against the repeated use of derogatory expressions by the representative of the Russian Federation, in particular the continued attacks directed at Ukraine's rightful authorities and attempts to question their legitimacy.

Second, on matters of substance. Russia's attempts to blame Ukraine are clearly aimed at justifying its own aggression. Let us be clear: Russia launched this war and bears full responsibility for its consequences.

Under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, Ukraine has the inherent right to self-defence, including the conduct of strikes against legitimate military targets on the territory of the aggressor State. Attempts to portray such actions as illegitimate are merely designed to shift responsibility away from Russia. At the same time, numerous international organizations, monitoring missions and independent observers have documented Russia's deliberate and systematic attacks against civilians. Those are the facts.

Let us not forget that there are no legitimate targets for Russia on the territory of Ukraine at all. The Charter of the United Nations prohibits aggression and the use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of States. Only self-defence is lawful under international law. Russia's claims regarding the so-called "pre-emptive" nature of its invasion are null and void.

Lastly, Russia's references to the occupied territories as its own lands are merely attempts to legitimize an unlawful occupation. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol, and the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions remain integral parts of the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine.

I kindly ask that our statement of protest be reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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

Mr. Chairperson,

I should just like to assure the representative of Ukraine that we have a whole host of far more scathing expressions at our disposal – ones that the Ukrainian regime deserves and that we could well use. However, out of respect for the Swiss Chairmanship, we shall refrain from using them.

In response to your attempts to impose your version of events and of “when the war began”, let me remind you that it was Ukraine that unleashed a war against its own population back in 2014. This July will mark 12 years since Ukrainian aircraft began striking residential areas of Lugansk in the Lugansk People’s Republic, and, as we know, Ukraine continues to kill children in Donbass today.

Article 51 on self-defence applies not only to Ukraine, but also to the civilian population of Donbass, whose rights you have violated by acting contrary to the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which nobody seems willing to mention today.

I request that my statement be attached to the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.