



Chairmanship: Switzerland

1572nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 9 July 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador S. Stöhr, to the Permanent Council.

Russian Federation (Annex 1)

During the course of the meeting, the Dean of the Permanent Council (Croatia) bade farewell to the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the OSCE, Ambassador H. Hauksdóttir.

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. MS. ISABELLE BERRO-AMADEÏ

Chairperson, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/702/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/716/26), Ukraine (PC.DEL/712/26 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/728/26 OSCE+), Türkiye, Albania (PC.DEL/724/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/720/26), United Kingdom, Montenegro, Malta (PC.DEL/721/26 OSCE+), Moldova, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/729/26 OSCE+), France (Annex 2), Serbia (PC.DEL/723/26 OSCE+), Greece, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/701/26), Director of the Office of the Secretary General

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/742/26), United Kingdom, Ireland-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/717/26), Canada (PC.DEL/739/26), Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/705/26)

Agenda item 3: FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31 DECEMBER 2025 AND
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor (President of the Austrian Court of Audit), Chairperson of the Audit Committee, United States of America, Ireland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/715/26), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/707/26 OSCE+), Türkiye, Canada (PC.DEL/738/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 5: MOSCOW MECHANISM INVOKED BY
41 PARTICIPATING STATES IN RELATION TO THE
MILITARIZATION AND INDOCTRINATION OF
UKRAINIAN CHILDREN BY THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION

Chairperson, Mr. S. Wolff (Rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism), Ms. E. Šteinerte (Rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism), Mr. H. Ascensio (Rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism), Czechia (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/708/26 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/747/26), Norway (also on behalf of Canada) (PC.DEL/714/26), United Kingdom, Ireland-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/718/26), Italy (also on behalf of Albania, Belgium, Norway and Poland), Sweden (also on behalf of

Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/710/26 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/725/26 OSCE+), France, Finland

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *The ongoing hybrid war waged by NATO and the European Union against Russia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/706/26), Ireland-European Union
- (b) *Sixty-seventh round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 30 June and 1 July 2026:* Chairperson, Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Ukraine and the United Kingdom, in alignment) (PC.DEL/719/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/704/26 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/764/26 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/727/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Participation of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, in the opening ceremony of the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in The Hague from 4 to 8 July 2026: Chairperson, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/10/26 OSCE+), Netherlands (PC.DEL/703/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/85/26 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with Ambassador D. Kemelova, Special Representative of the President of Kyrgyzstan for the implementation of the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions, held in Vienna on 7 July 2026:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in The Hague from 4 to 8 July 2026:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Adoption on 25 June 2026 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution, initiated by Tajikistan, proclaiming the International Decade of Strengthening of Peace for Future Generations (2027–2036):* Tajikistan (PC.DEL/709/26 OSCE+), Kazakhstan
- (b) *Early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 23 August 2026:* Kazakhstan

- (c) *Third joint report by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and Belarus on the human rights situation in certain countries:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/711/26 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/726/26 OSCE+)
- (d) *NATO Summit, held in Ankara on 7 and 8 July 2026:* Italy (also on behalf of Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/713/26 OSCE+)

Point of order: Ukraine, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 July 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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Annex 1

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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,
Madam Minister,

I thank you for your address and should like to reaffirm France's support for the priorities you have set out.

France fully aligns itself with the statement by the European Union, but I should like to add a few remarks in a national capacity.

The links between the OSCE and the Council of Europe are based, as you highlighted in your address, on the organizations' converging objectives – peace, security, human rights, democracy and the rule of law – and on the complementary nature of their mandates.

I should like to reiterate France's ongoing commitment at the Council of Europe to this mandate, which focuses on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

As a founding member and host State, France is deeply involved in the Council's work. With 146 ratifications, it is one of the member States that has ratified the most instruments. It is also a party to a dozen Enlarged Partial Agreements, including the Venice Commission, the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe and the Register of Damage for Ukraine.

This commitment was reaffirmed at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe in Reykjavik. Since then, France has continued to uphold the European Convention on Human Rights and safeguard the independence of the European Court of Human Rights. As a further sign of France's commitment to the work and conventions negotiated within the framework of the Council of Europe, France very recently – in March 2026 – officially notified the Council of the extension of the applicability of the European Social Charter to its overseas territories.

Because there can be no lasting peace without justice, I see a fine illustration of how the mandates of the Council of Europe and the OSCE complement one another – this time in the field of peace and security – in the role played by the Council in documenting the damage

caused by the Russian Federation's aggression in Ukraine. I should additionally like to highlight the project to establish a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine, which has reached several important milestones. I should also like to commend the efforts of all the bodies of the Council of Europe, including the Parliamentary Assembly.

All these measures tie in with the significant work carried out by the OSCE in Ukraine, in particular that of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), which helps to document Russian human rights violations in Ukraine through its biannual reports – an initiative which France supports financially. I should also like to emphasize today – as the sixth report under the Moscow Mechanism is about to be presented to us – the contribution that these reports make to documenting the serious human rights violations committed by Russia in Ukraine, in particular those affecting Ukrainian children.

Our determination to combat impunity remains unwavering. France will continue to stand alongside the people and children of Ukraine and to support the vital work of international justice to ensure that the perpetrators of all the crimes committed in Ukraine are held accountable.

Mr. Chairperson,
Madam Minister,

As I mentioned at the beginning of my statement, the Council of Europe and the OSCE uphold common democratic values and principles and share converging objectives that explain the co-operation and co-ordination between them, while also having complementary mandates and differing scopes.

As all international organizations reflect on how to boost their effectiveness, it is important to take account of their specific characteristics and indeed to nurture the areas in which they excel. For instance, the election observation missions carried out under the auspices of the ODIHR are an example of the OSCE's specific, internationally recognized methodology and mandate. This is a governmental activity in which parliamentarians from both the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe are involved.

I would therefore suggest that this ongoing institutional reflection should not lose sight of the political objective, namely that the citizens who benefit from the activities of our two organizations ultimately feel better protected in the face of contemporary challenges.

Mr. Chairperson, I would be grateful if you could kindly attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you.