
Chairmanship: Switzerland

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1576th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Monday, 24 August 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 3 p.m.

Closed: 5.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador G. Sellner, to the Permanent Council.

Russian Federation (Annex), Belarus (PC.DEL/818/26 OSCE+)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/817/26 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/827/26), Ireland (PC.DEL/812/26), Canada, Türkiye (PC.DEL/836/26 OSCE+), Czechia (PC.DEL/819/26 OSCE+), Finland, United Kingdom, Germany (PC.DEL/815/26 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/820/26 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/834/26 OSCE+), Latvia (PC.DEL/825/26 OSCE+), the Netherlands (also on behalf of Belgium and Luxembourg) (PC.DEL/812/26 OSCE+), Lithuania, Malta (PC.DEL/830/26 OSCE+), Denmark (PC.DEL/821/26 OSCE+), United States of America, Hungary (PC.DEL/816/26 OSCE+), Sweden (PC.DEL/828/26 OSCE+), Romania (PC.DEL/831/26 OSCE+), Norway, Estonia (PC.DEL/823/26 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/833/26 OSCE+), Slovakia (PC.DEL/837/26 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/824/26 OSCE+), Montenegro, Latvia (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden) (PC.DEL/826/26 OSCE+), Greece (PC.DEL/829/26 OSCE+), Moldova,

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/835/26 OSCE+), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Australia (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/822/26 OSCE+), Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation)

Point of order: Ukraine, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Aggravating situation of Serbs in Kosovo: Russian Federation, Serbia, Albania (PC.DEL/832/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 September 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, including special 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 special 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.