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1581st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 15 October 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

   Opened: 10.05 a.m.
   Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
   Resumed: 3 p.m.
   Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. N. Plattner

   Russian Federation (Annex 1), Ukraine, United States of America, Chairperson

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

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

   Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1022/26), 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/1026/26), Canada (PC.DEL/1019/26), Türkiye, France (Annex 2), Norway (PC.DEL/1004/26), Germany (PC.DEL/1007/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/988/26)

   Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT A DECISION ON GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION TO QATAR

   Chairperson

   Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1534 (PC.DEC/1534) on the recommendation to the Ministerial Council to adopt a decision on granting of the status of Partner for Co-operation to Qatar.

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/12/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1023/26), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/989/26), Spain (Annex 3), Albania (PC.DEL/993/26 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/1011/26 OSCE+), Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *The ongoing hybrid war waged by NATO and the European Union against Russia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/990/26), Netherlands (PC.DEL/992/26 OSCE+)

(b) *Taking steps to counter Antisemitism*: United States of America (PC.DEL/1014/26), Canada (PC.DEL/1020/26 OSCE+), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/1027/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/994/26/Rev.1 OSCE+), Romania (PC.DEL/1016/26 OSCE+)

(c) *European and World Day against the Death Penalty, observed on 10 October 2026*: Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, San Marino, and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/1024/26), Norway (also on behalf of Andorra, Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/1008/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/995/26 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/1001/26 OSCE+)

(d) *International Day of the Girl Child, observed on 11 October 2026*: Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1025/26), Canada (PC.DEL/1021/26 OSCE+), Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1000/26 OSCE+), Azerbaijan

(e) *80th anniversary of the verdicts of the Nuremberg International Military Tribunal*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/999/26), Belarus (PC.DEL/1002/26 OSCE+)

(f) *Investigation into the staging in Bucha*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/996/26)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

(a) *Visit of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, to Armenia and Georgia on 15 and 16 October 2026*: Chairperson

(b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. T. Lenk, to Moldova*: Chairperson

(c) *Participation of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, Ambassador E. Dağdelen Akgün, in an ODIHR side event on Hate Crimes Targeting Migrants, held on the margins of the 2026 Warsaw Human Dimension Conference on 13 October 2026*: Chairperson

(d) *Participation of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, Rabbi A. Baker, in a meeting of "Special Envoys and Coordinators on Combating Antisemitism", held in Dublin from 12 to 14 October 2026*: Chairperson

(e) *Participation of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Promotion of Dialogue and Confidence-Building, Mr. S. Rumin, in the meeting of the Economic and Environmental Committee, held in Vienna on 9 October 2026, and at the Geneva Peace Forum on 12 October 2026*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) *Informal discussions on the 2027 Unified Budget Proposal, held from 12 to 14 October 2026*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/26)

(b) *Alarming humanitarian situation in Ukraine and growing broader escalation risks*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/26)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Joint meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group and the OSCE Security Committee, to be held on 23 October 2026*: Finland

(b) *Parliamentary elections in Spain, to be held on 29 November 2026*: Spain

(c) *Outcomes of the Eighth Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asian Countries and the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Council of Heads of State, and the First Caspian Environmental Summit, held in Avaza, Turkmenistan, on 8 and 9 October 2026*: Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1018/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/998/26), Belarus

(d) *2026 Warsaw Human Dimension Conference, held from 5 to 15 October 2026*: Georgia (PC.DEL/1015/26 OSCE+), Chairperson, Azerbaijan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 October 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,

France aligns itself with the statement by the European Union and is making this additional statement in a national capacity.

Russia has taken another step in its bloody escalation against Ukrainian civilians, and the toll is heavy.

Twenty-two civilians, including five children, were killed on 7 October during the attack on their apartment building in Pryluky, in the Chernihiv region. Thirty civilians were killed the following day on board two buses in Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region. France pays tribute to their memory. During the night of 13 to 14 October, the capital city and the Kyiv region were the target of one of the largest strikes since February 2022. Thirty ballistic missiles rained down in several waves in the space of a few hours, targeting energy infrastructure in particular and leaving at least five people dead and nearly 40 injured. In the course of just over a week, Russian strikes have left almost 100 civilians dead and 400 injured. France extends its condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those who have been injured. It takes this opportunity to reaffirm its unwavering solidarity with the Ukrainian people, who are under attack.

Mr. Chairperson,

Through its large-scale and unrelenting attacks on Ukrainian cities, first and foremost Kyiv, Russia is cynically attacking the very conditions of existence for the Ukrainian people on their own land.

Russia makes no secret of its intention to trigger a humanitarian disaster this winter by targeting power plants and heating systems, pharmaceutical warehouses and the water supply network. Furthermore, by attacking telecommunications and transportation infrastructure, Russia seeks not only to subject Ukrainians to cold and darkness, but also to cut them off from the world and isolate them.

The latest threats from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – relayed in this room last week – against diplomatic missions and foreign nationals in Ukraine form part of this broader policy and are also unacceptable. We recall that Russia is required to comply with its obligations under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Mr. Chairperson,

Far beyond the European continent, this war of aggression launched by Russia is affecting the entire world. The food security of many countries and of millions of people is being jeopardized by Russia's relentless efforts to prevent Ukraine from exporting its grain, even at the cost of an ever-increasing number of casualties among the seafarers of various nationalities manning civilian vessels in the Black Sea, as the past few days have shown.

The consequences are already being felt. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, cereal prices rose by 5 per cent between August and September. The price of wheat has surpassed its August 2023 level, while that of maize is at a three-year high.

Mr. Chairperson,

We are not resigning ourselves to this situation. France and its partners will continue to provide concrete support to Ukraine as it exercises its inherent right to self-defence.

That is why France will continue to stand by Ukraine and President Zelenskyy:

– Together with the Member States of the European Union, we have this week adopted nearly 1,600 new sanctions targeting entities and individuals linked to the Russian military-industrial complex who have been involved in Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine for more than four years now.

– France also continues to support all initiatives aimed at protecting civilians and achieving a dual moratorium on attacks against energy infrastructure and strikes in the Black Sea; a call for such a dual moratorium was made by the President of the French Republic from the podium of the United Nations General Assembly. We unreservedly support the call by the United States of America for a genuine energy truce, to which Ukraine is prepared to agree. At this stage, it is in fact Russia that continues to reject such a truce by intensifying its strikes against Ukrainian infrastructure.

France calls for an immediate, comprehensive and unconditional ceasefire.

We once again call upon Russia to end its relentless attacks against Ukrainian civilians, to pave the way for a general de-escalation, and to engage in negotiations for a just and lasting peace. France, together with its partners, will continue to work tirelessly towards such a peace and to demand the immediate release of the three OSCE staff members: Vadym Golda, Maksym Petrov and Dmytro Shabanov.

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

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain aligns itself with the statement by the European Union; nevertheless, I should like to add some remarks in a national capacity.

First of all, Spain wishes to thank Ambassador McGurk for his statement and activity report, and to express our appreciation for the work that he has been performing together with his team. We are tremendously grateful for his biannual appearances here, which we consider to be essential for properly monitoring how the situation is evolving. We also wish to reiterate once again our support for the important work performed by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo alongside other international institutions present on the territory of Kosovo.

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain wishes to recall that, like other participating States, it does not recognize the territory of Kosovo as a State and is of the view that the OSCE Mission in Kosovo should be guided in all its actions by compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Spain reaffirms that the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and negotiation are the only possible way of resolving the dispute over the territory of Kosovo, which must be based on implementation of the agreements of 2013 and 2023 without delay and in good faith. We believe that making headway in the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue is a prerequisite for both parties to be able to advance on their respective European paths.

We regret the unilateral decisions of the authorities in Pristina, which have had and continue to have an impact on the daily lives of northern communities and were taken ignoring the repeated calls for unilateral action to be abandoned. In this regard, we regret the decision of the Kosovo Judicial Council to prevent Serb judges from re-entering the territory. It is necessary to continue to call upon all parties to restore the conditions required for a multi-ethnic judiciary, in full compliance with the law and the commitments made in the Dialogue.

Spain wishes to express its concern over the law adopted by the Kosovo Assembly amending the mandate of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, in clear contravention of Kosovo's international obligations. Kosovo must guarantee the judicial independence of the Chambers and facilitate their impartial functioning in order to ensure individual accountability for war crimes committed and to deliver justice to the victims from all communities in Kosovo.

Mr. Chairperson,

We thank the OSCE Mission in Kosovo for contributing to efforts aimed at reducing tensions and wish Ambassador McGurk and his team every success.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would be grateful if this statement could be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you.

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DECISION No. 1534
RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT A DECISION ON GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION TO QATAR

The Permanent Council,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on granting of the status of Partner for Co-operation to Qatar;

2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of that decision through a silence procedure, with the period of silence expiring on Tuesday, 20 October 2026, at 12 noon CET.