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1. Date: Thursday, 29 October 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli
Mr. N. Plattner

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to Spain in connection with the tragic railway accident that occurred near Urda on 28 October 2026. Spain thanked the Chairperson and the Council for their expressions of sympathy.

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/1101/26), Canada (PC.DEL/1083/26), 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/1088/26), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1099/26 OSCE+), Norway, Moldova, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1072/26), France

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (ODIHR)

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (ODIHR.GAL/52/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union

(with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1089/26), United States of America (PC.DEL/1093/26), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1109/26), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1069/26 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1085/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1074/26 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/1080/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1095/26), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/1067/26 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1097/26 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/1068/26), Belarus (PC.DEL/1078/26 OSCE+), Greece (PC.DEL/1082/26 OSCE+), Malta, Italy (PC.DEL/1084/26 OSCE+), Poland, Azerbaijan, France (Annex 2), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/1098/26 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway) (PC.DEL/1070/26 OSCE+), Iceland (PC.DEL/1087/26 OSCE+), Moldova (Annex 3), Serbia, Tajikistan, Mongolia, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *The ongoing hybrid war waged by NATO and the European Union against Russia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1071/26)

(b) *Act of sabotage in Brașov, Romania, on 14 September 2026*: Romania (PC.DEL/1075/26 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1086/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Ukraine and the United Kingdom, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1090/26), Poland, Germany (PC.DEL/1073/26/Rev.2 OSCE+), Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Czechia, Bulgaria (PC.DEL/1092/26 OSCE+), Greece, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1102/26), Russian Federation

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

(a) *Co-facilitation by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Ambassador C. Späti, of the 135th Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism meeting, held in Ergneti, Georgia, on 22 October 2026*: Chairperson

(b) *Participation by the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, Ms. E. Dağdelen Akgün, in the fifth UNESCO Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination, taking place in the Hague on 29 and 30 October 2026*: Chairperson

(c) *Assumption of the presidency of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly by Mr. M. Poturaiev*: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/125/26 OSCE+): Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Berlin Process Leaders' Summit, held in Sveti Stefan, Montenegro, on 22 October 2026*: Montenegro (PC.DEL/1081/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1091/26), Germany (PC.DEL/1076/26 OSCE+), United Kingdom

(b) *Negotiation process on the development of the Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity in the XXI Century*: Belarus (PC.DEL/1079/26 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 November 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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,
Madam Director,

France fully endorses the European Union's statement on the report by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). I wish, however, to add a few words in my national capacity – words of gratitude and support for the ODIHR, its autonomy, its Director and its staff.

Madam Director, dear Maria,

The ODIHR's mandate lies at the heart of our Organization; indeed, it is often the very banner under which we operate, given that lasting security requires respect for human rights and resilient democracies.

I wish to highlight, briefly but with conviction, three key areas of your report that are essential for France.

Firstly, the ODIHR's vigilance with regard to the accountability of us, the participating States. The human dimension meetings here, as in Warsaw, are the high points of the long-term work that you and your teams are carrying out to remind us of the need for us – the 57 participating States – to honour our commitments.

In this regard, I should like to reiterate our deep regret at the refusal of one delegation to join the consensus on organizing the human dimension meeting in Warsaw. This stubborn refusal cannot justify the creation of parallel forums.

Secondly, on the subject of election observation, I should like to commend the quality and impartiality of the observation missions conducted in recent months, sometimes in sensitive contexts. At a time when elections in our region are increasingly the target of all kinds of interference, the ODIHR's expertise and credibility are needed more than ever. We also support the measures envisaged by the ODIHR in relation to Ukraine once the country has taken the sovereign decision to call elections, provided that the necessary conditions for holding them have been met.

Thirdly, France pays tribute to the outstanding and vital work carried out to document violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the context of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, work that has continued unabated since the start of the conflict. Russia must be held to account for its crimes.

Madam Director, your report demonstrates the great value of the work carried out by your teams under your leadership, and the importance of the ODIHR's mandate for our security. We should like to extend our warmest thanks to you all.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

We welcome Director Maria Telalian to the Permanent Council and thank her for her comprehensive report and dedicated leadership of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

The Republic of Moldova strongly supports the ODIHR's autonomy and professional expertise in executing its mandate impartially.

Our parliamentary elections held on 28 September 2025 illustrated both the resilience of democracy and the evolving threats to its integrity. Despite unprecedented foreign interference, including illicit financing, cyberattacks and co-ordinated disinformation campaigns, Moldovan citizens were presented with a genuine political choice and reaffirmed the country's European path in a transparent, honest and competitive manner.

Yet resilience must extend well beyond election day. Addressing external interference while safeguarding fundamental freedoms, political pluralism and due process remains a complex but essential task. In this regard, the ODIHR's independent and impartial assessments and recommendations continue to serve as invaluable guidance.

We therefore appreciate the follow-up visit, led by Ambassador Jillian Stirk, Head of the ODIHR Election Observation Mission for the 2025 parliamentary elections, that was conducted from 30 March to 2 April 2026 in order to review the progress made together with national institutions and civil society representatives. The Republic of Moldova remains committed to implementing pertinent and valuable recommendations, notably in the areas of electoral safeguards, political financing and access to effective remedies.

Our co-operation also reflects a broader understanding of democratic security. We particularly value the ODIHR's legal opinion on the draft code of conduct for public office holders and their cabinet staff, which offers important guidance on strengthening integrity, accountability and public trust. The ODIHR's engagement on combating discrimination and supporting the integrity of political parties further demonstrates the practical value of its expertise beyond electoral cycles.

We also welcome the national launch event organized by the ODIHR in Chișinău on 12 June 2026 for its recent publication entitled *Integrating Roma and Sinti Issues in the Work of National Human Rights Institutions and National Equality Bodies – Guidelines* (2025). Held with the participation of the People's Advocate (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Moldova, the event addressed persistent barriers to education, employment and access to public services, while highlighting the importance of meaningful participation of Roma in policymaking and effective implementation.

We welcome the contribution of Moldovan civil society representative Vadim Vieru of the Promo-LEX Association at the first Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting in March, who highlighted the importance of independent oversight and meaningful public consultation.

The Warsaw Human Dimension Conference held earlier in October likewise reaffirmed the importance of open dialogue among the participating States, civil society and international partners at a time when democratic principles and human rights commitments are coming under increasing pressure.

We look forward to the ODIHR Regional Youth Forum in Chișinău this November, recognizing that meaningful youth participation is an investment in the long-term resilience of our democratic institutions.

Mr. Chairperson,

The elections scheduled for 15 November in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia will provide another opportunity to strengthen electoral transparency and public confidence in the democratic and human rights institutions of the Republic of Moldova. While recognizing the resource constraints affecting the ODIHR's election observation activities, we would have welcomed its engagement in this process and remain confident that there will be further opportunities for continued co-operation with the ODIHR and the provision of its expert support.

More broadly, we recognize the difficult choices imposed by persistent budgetary constraints. At a time of increasingly sophisticated threats to electoral integrity and democratic governance, the ODIHR requires predictable funding and adequate operational capacity in order to fulfil its mandate effectively. This is essential to maintaining the credibility of our shared commitments.

In closing, we express our sincere appreciation to the Swiss Chairmanship and to previous and current Chairpersons of the Human Dimension Committee for their efforts throughout the year to foster constructive dialogue, meaningful exchanges and the implementation of our common commitments.

We extend our deep gratitude to Director Maria Telalian and the entire ODIHR team for their professionalism, dedication and tireless work in support of democracy, human rights and the rule of law across the OSCE area.

The Republic of Moldova remains firmly committed to a strong and constructive partnership with the ODIHR and to translating our shared democratic and human rights principles into tangible and lasting democratic consolidation and progress.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.