

Chairmanship: Finland

1517th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 10 April 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen
Ms. M. Neuvonen

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Poland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/406/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/411/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/412/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/405/25), Lithuania, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/1/25/Rev.1), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/410/25), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/423/25 OSCE+), Poland (also on behalf of Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,

Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), Türkiye (PC.DEL/429/25 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/408/25), Malta, United Kingdom, Armenia (PC.DEL/425/25), Moldova, Norway, Turkmenistan, Holy See (PC.DEL/409/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/420/25 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/427/25 OSCE+), Serbia, Lithuania (also on behalf of Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/419/25 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Portugal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tajikistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/418/25 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/5/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in yet more confrontation in and around Ukraine: Russian Federation* (PC.DEL/413/25)
- (b) *Outcomes of the first Central Asia-European Union summit, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 3 and 4 April 2025: Uzbekistan* (PC.DEL/421/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/426/25), Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/424/25 OSCE+), Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
- (c) *Human rights situation in Georgia: Germany* (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/414/25/Rev.1 OSCE+), Poland-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/415/25), Georgia
- (d) *Security threats associated with illegal immigration: United States of America* (PC.DEL/416/25), United Kingdom, Hungary (PC.DEL/417/25 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/422/25 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Meeting of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Ms. Elina Valtonen, with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. M. Rubio, in Washington, D.C., on 10 April 2025: Chairperson*

- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Mr. C. Späti, to Georgia from 31 March to 7 April 2025:* Chairperson
- (c) *Participation of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Climate and Security, Ms. K. Stendahl, in the Samarkand Climate Forum, held on 3 and 4 April 2025:* Chairperson
- (d) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. T. Lenk, to Moldova from 6 to 9 April 2025:* Chairperson
- (e) *Letter of 7 April 2025 from the Chairmanship regarding the spring recess (CIO.INF/26/25 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/40/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE, Ambassador P. Avirovikj:* Chairperson, North Macedonia
- (b) *Presidential election in Poland to be held on 18 May 2025:* Poland

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 May 2025, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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

Mr. Chairperson,

It is deeply disappointing that the Finnish Chairmanship is violating the rules of our Organization and wilfully continuing the fruitless discussions of the Ukraine topic at an OSCE decision-making body. The inclusion of a separate confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda is quite unacceptable. Such actions are directly incompatible with standing agenda items as established by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (chapter IV.1(C)) and must stop. The agenda circulated by the Chairmanship for today’s meeting has an overtly aggressive thrust as regards the Ukraine issue, is incompatible with the principles of the OSCE and does not give all participating States the opportunity to take part on an equal, non-discriminatory basis 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 by involving 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).

This is clearly an abuse of authority by the Chairmanship, which is obliged to act for all 57 participating States and not for a group of countries that are aggressively imposing their views on everyone else.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today’s meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.