
Chairmanship: Finland

1514th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 27 March 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 6.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen
Ms. L. Saarikoski
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, Poland (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/291/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/326/25 OSCE+), Canada, Norway (PC.DEL/315/25), Hungary (PC.DEL/324/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/1/25 OSCE+), Secretary General, Poland-European Union (with Albania, Armenia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North

Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/335/25), United States of America (PC.DEL/294/25), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/295/25/Corr.1), Türkiye (PC.DEL/328/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/317/25), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/318/25 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/300/25 OSCE+), Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/333/25 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/34/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/336/25), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/302/25), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/301/25), Türkiye, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/321/25 OSCE+), Armenia, Malta, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/338/25 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland (PC.DEL/319/25 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Serbia, Tajikistan

Agenda item 4: 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/296/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/312/25 OSCE+)
- (b) *Commitments regarding tolerance and non-discrimination: ensuring freedom of religion or belief:* Türkiye (PC.DEL/341/25 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/322/25 OSCE+), Canada, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/304/25), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/340/25 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/334/25 OSCE+), Tajikistan, Poland-European Union
- (c) *Signing of the Agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan on the State border:* Chairperson, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/323/25 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Türkiye (PC.DEL/330/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/337/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/307/25), Belarus (PC.DEL/311/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/320/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/305/25), Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/339/25 OSCE+), France, Armenia
- (d) *Twenty-sixth anniversary of NATO's aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:* Serbia (PC.DEL/342/25 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/306/25/Corr.1)
- (e) *Twenty-sixth anniversary of the NATO response to the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo:* Italy (PC.DEL/331/25 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/327/25 OSCE+),

United Kingdom, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/308/25),
France, Albania (PC.DEL/332/25 OSCE+), Serbia

- (f) *Detention of the head of the Gagauzia region: Russian Federation*
(PC.DEL/309/25), Moldova, Poland-European Union, Romania

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

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the
Chairperson-in-Office: Chairperson*
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Sarajevo and the OSCE Mission to
Bosnia and Herzegovina on 17 and 18 March 2025: Chairperson, Bosnia and
Herzegovina*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/36/25/Rev.1 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OSCE,
Ambassador T. Lambert: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council*
(Liechtenstein), Belgium
- (b) *Follow-up to the invocation of the Vienna Mechanism on 22 March 2024 to
address the issue of political prisoners in the Russian Federation: Norway*
(also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and
Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia,
Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia,
Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco,
Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania,
San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the
United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/314/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/310/25),
Belarus (PC.DEL/313/25 OSCE+)
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Portugal to be held on 18 May 2025: Portugal*
- (d) *Federal general election in Canada to be held on 28 April 2025: Canada*
(PC.DEL/290/25 OSCE+)
- (e) *Screening of the film “The Helsinki Effect”, to be hosted by the Finnish OSCE
Chairmanship in Vienna on 1 April 2025 (CIO.INF/21/25 OSCE+):*
Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 April 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.