
Chairmanship: Finland

1520th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 11.55 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Häkkinen

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador M. Szczygiel, to the Permanent Council.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/504/25), Poland-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/506/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/502/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/499/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/3/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/507/25), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/497/25/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/498/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/503/25 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/501/25 OSCE+),

Switzerland (PC.DEL/505/25 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, United Kingdom, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in yet more confrontation in and around Ukraine: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/500/25)

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

- (a) *Participation of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial, held in Berlin on 13 and 14 May 2025: Chairperson*
- (b) *Invitation to an information session regarding the Helsinki+50 discussions on the future of the OSCE (CIO.INF/37/25): Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/25 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial, held in Berlin on 13 and 14 May 2025: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/25 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Albania from 14 to 16 May 2025: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/25 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Summit of the European Political Community, to be held in Tirana on 16 May 2025: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/25 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parliamentary elections in Moldova to be held on 28 September 2025: Moldova

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 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 remains deeply disappointing that the Finnish Chairmanship is openly 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 and non-discriminatory basis in a discussion of the developments in and around Ukraine. The inclusion in the Permanent Council’s agenda of a separate duplicative statement by a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in addition to including the aforementioned issue also seems most bizarre. We urge the Chairmanship to stop trying to turn the regular meetings of an OSCE decision-making body into a propagandistic political show.

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 duty-bound 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.