
Chairmanship: Finland

1515th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 3 April 2025 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 11.55 a.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, 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, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/373/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/349/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/364/25 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/384/25 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/362/25 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/354/25 OSCE+), Lithuania (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway and Sweden) (PC.DEL/358/25 OSCE+), Hungary (PC.DEL/365/25 OSCE+), Belarus

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATES, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1506 (PC.DEC/1506) on the dates, agenda and organizational modalities of the 2025 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

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/351/25)
- (b) *Outcomes of the trilateral meeting of the Presidents of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, held in Khujand City, Tajikistan, on 31 March 2025:* Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/359/25 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/361/25 OSCE+), Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/353/25 OSCE+), Poland-European Union, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (c) *Recent events in Türkiye:* Poland-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/352/25), Switzerland (PC.DEL/363/25 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Iceland (PC.DEL/355/25 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/366/25), Türkiye (PC.DEL/360/25 OSCE+), Chairperson

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

- (a) *Meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office with the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office – Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Mr. P. Mareš, in Helsinki on 28 March 2025:* Chairperson
- (b) *Welcoming remarks delivered by the Minister of Justice of Finland on behalf of the Chairperson-in-Office at the 25th Alliance Conference Against Trafficking in Persons on 31 March 2025:* Chairperson
- (c) *Participation of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Climate and Security, Ms. K. Stendahl, in the Samarkand Climate Forum, to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 4 and 5 April 2025:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Visit of the Secretary General to Bosnia and Herzegovina and to Serbia from 31 March to 2 April 2025: Secretary General, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Organised Immigration Crime Summit convened by the United Kingdom in London on 31 March 2025:* United Kingdom

- (b) *2025 Democracy Defender Award Presentation and Seminar: Netherlands* (also on behalf of Canada, Denmark, Montenegro, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 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.



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DECISION No. 1506
DATES, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2025 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides:

1. That the 2025 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna on 25 and 26 June 2025.
2. To organize the 2025 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2025 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 25 and 26 June 2025

Agenda

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

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| 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Opening session |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 3–6 p.m. | Special session: Security situation in the OSCE area |

Thursday, 26 June 2025

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| 10.30 a.m.–12 noon | Special session (continued): Security situation in the OSCE area |
| 12 noon –12.30 p.m. | Closing session |

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 25 and 26 June 2025

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No. 3 dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

The special session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, special and closing sessions.

Following the Conference, the Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the Chairmanship.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals who are responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to be represented as members of national delegations.

The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in three sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office and is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special session, which will focus on a specific subject.

The aim is interactive and free-flowing discussion.

To encourage interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the special session should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. The moderator will be asked to enforce the time limit strictly. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussion.

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 17 June 2025.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 17 June 2025.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. Inputs to be circulated may also include, if appropriate, contributions by OSCE institutions and other international organizations.

Guidelines for moderator and rapporteur

The moderator of the special session should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. The moderator should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session.

Following the Conference, the written report provided by rapporteur should address issues raised during the special session, covering suggestions elaborated and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the report.

The moderator and rapporteur should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during the special session.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International and regional organizations may participate in the special session. They are kindly invited to focus on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the special session.

International and regional organizations should provide the participants of the ASRC with factual and relevant information on their work by sending such information to Conference Services by 17 June 2025.