

Chairmanship: France

## 1129th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026 (in the Neuer Saal)  
  
Opened: 10 a.m.  
Closed: 11 a.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Ambassador F. Benhabylès-Foeth  
  
Chairperson, Russian Federation (Annex)
  
3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:  
  
Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS
  - (a) *Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/90/26), Cyprus (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (FSC.DEL/93/26 OSCE+), United Kingdom (also on behalf of France) (FSC.DEL/89/26 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/89/26/Add.1 OSCE+), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/88/26 OSCE+), Canada (FSC.DEL/94/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation
  
  - (b) *Contribution of the United States of America to international peace efforts and reform of the OSCE:* United States of America (FSC.DEL/91/26)
  
  - (c) *Special military operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/95/26) (FSC.DEL/98/26), Belarus, United Kingdom, Ukraine

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Right of reply to the statement made by Belarus under the agenda item “General statements” at the 98th Joint Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation and the Permanent Council: United States of America (FSC.DEL/92/26)*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 11 March 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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

Madam Chairperson,

In view of the highly unsatisfactory outcome of the 98th joint meeting of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) and the OSCE Permanent Council, we are obliged to state the following.

The delegation of the Russian Federation considers inappropriate any attempts to use the exalted position of a chairing country to undermine the consensus basis of the OSCE's work.

The actions of the French Chairmanship at the aforementioned meeting, which under various pretexts prevented specific delegations from speaking, are unacceptable, contravene the basic rules of diplomatic propriety and should never happen.

The FSC Chairperson is a technical moderator, not a political referee, and the Chairperson's tasks are strictly delimited by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

It is expressly stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE that the Forum's Chairmanship is responsible "on behalf of the FSC for co-ordination of and consultation on current FSC business" (paragraph III.4 of the Rules of Procedure). On behalf of the FSC means on behalf of all 57 participating States without exception, participating States whose interests must be taken into account and respected in your actions.

In other words, the FSC Chairmanship has no authority to make political assessments of statements by participating States, nor to attempt to silence those who take a different view of the security situation.

We call upon the French Chairmanship to display good sense and to not undermine the sustainability of the FSC and its status as the main pan-European platform for dialogue in the field of military security. I would remind you this is precisely how the OSCE Secretary General, His Excellency Mr. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, described the Forum in his statement at the 98th joint meeting of the FSC and the Permanent Council.

To this end, it is necessary to strictly abide by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and adhere to the approaches to the Organization's work that have been agreed upon by all the participating States, rather than to NATO, EU or national positions. Otherwise, it could undermine the FSC's work.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.