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**Chairmanship: Switzerland****1557th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 March 2026 (in the Neuer Saal)  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli  
Mr. N. Plattner

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador F. Camilleri Vettiger.

Russian Federation (Annex 1)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/245/26), Cyprus (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, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/243/26 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/254/26), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Norway (PC.DEL/257/26), Finland, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/236/26)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/31/26 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/35/26 OSCE+), Cyprus-European

Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/239/26), United States of America (PC.DEL/252/26), Ukraine (PC.DEL/256/26), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/246/26 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/237/26), United Kingdom, Türkiye, Montenegro, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/249/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/251/26), Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Italy (PC.DEL/241/26 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Georgia, Malta, Uzbekistan, Moldova, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/6/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3:           MOSCOW MECHANISM INVOKED BY  
23 PARTICIPATING STATES TO ASSESS GEORGIA'S  
IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OSCE COMMITMENTS,  
WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENTS  
SINCE SPRING 2024

Ms. P. Grzebyk (sole rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism), Estonia (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/247/26 OSCE+), Hungary, France (also on behalf of Germany and Poland), Türkiye, Belarus (PC.DEL/248/26 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/250/26 OSCE+), Sweden, Georgia (Annex 2)

Agenda item 4:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

*Ongoing attempts by some participating States to undermine efforts at finding a long-term and sustainable peaceful solution to the Ukrainian crisis:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/238/26)

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

*Report by the Chairmanship on the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance Chair's Second Proposal on the 2026 Unified Budget (PC.ACMF/8/26 Rest.):* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/20/26 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/253/26), Türkiye

Agenda item 6:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)   *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/34/26 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b)   *Announcement of an amendment to the OSCE Official Holidays in 2026 (Staff Circular No. 04/2025/Corr.1):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Commemoration of the victims of the armed conflict on the Nistru River (2 March 1992):* Moldova, Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/240/26), Canada (PC.DEL/255/26 OSCE+), Romania, United Kingdom, Türkiye, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/244/26)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 March 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**1557th Plenary Meeting**  
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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

It is disappointing that the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office, bending to the political climate, continues to include a confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda.

Such actions by the Chairmanship are directly incompatible with standing agenda items as established by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (chapter IV.1(C)). This precludes the possibility of equal and non-discriminatory participation 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 as regards 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).

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today’s meeting of the 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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**1557th Plenary Meeting**

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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF GEORGIA**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Dear colleagues,

The Government of Georgia expresses its profound concern regarding the report of the OSCE fact-finding mission under the Moscow Mechanism on developments in Georgia since spring 2024.

While Georgia remains steadfast in its commitment to the OSCE principles and human dimension obligations, the report contains serious factual inaccuracies, selective interpretations and politically biased conclusions that fundamentally undermine its credibility and objectivity.

From the outset, Georgia maintained serious reservations regarding the potential for selective interpretation and politicization of the procedure of the Moscow Mechanism, which was activated by 23 OSCE participating States.

Nevertheless, in full respect for OSCE norms and in the spirit of constructive engagement, Georgia co-operated fully and transparently with the fact-finding mission.

The expert assigned under the Moscow Mechanism visited Georgia on 17 and 18 February, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs facilitated all requested meetings with Georgian authorities at the highest possible level – the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Parliament, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Education, the Chairman of the High Council of Justice, and the heads of key agencies, including the Prosecution Service, the Central Election Commission, and the Communications Commission, as well as the Public Defender.

Extensive written submissions, legal materials and access to relevant institutions and documentation were provided to the expert, ensuring that the Mission had the necessary information for an informed assessment.

Despite this co-operation, the report fails to reflect the complexity of Georgia's political and legal context, omits critical clarifications provided by competent State bodies,

and selectively emphasizes isolated cases as “politically motivated”, disregarding legal safeguards, ongoing judicial processes and internationally recognized fair trial standards.

The portrayal of the legislation, electoral procedures and investigative actions concerning protests contains factual inaccuracies and mischaracterizations.

Furthermore, the report issues recommendations far beyond the scope of the Moscow Mechanism, including urging other international organizations and States to act against Georgia, thereby exceeding the Mission’s authorized mandate.

The report’s selective presentation and timing indicate a predisposition to politicize the findings, overlooking Georgia’s long-standing achievements in democratic transformation, political pluralism, judicial independence, protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as an over 85 per cent reduction in applications to the European Court of Human Rights in the last decade, reflecting the effectiveness of domestic remedies and institutional reforms.

The extremely limited 14-day time frame for the Mission, coupled with the fact that the report was produced just a few days after the visit, further compounded these shortcomings, resulting in an incomplete analysis of voluminous documentation.

Surprisingly, the fact-finding mission failed even to identify the correct official name of the country, repeatedly using “The Republic of Georgia” instead of “Georgia”.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Government of Georgia therefore vigorously rejects the report’s findings and recommendations and requests that the OSCE and its participating States give due consideration to the legal arguments, achievements and comprehensive clarifications provided by the Government of Georgia in its extensive response.

The response consolidates the official clarifications and positions of the Georgian authorities in reaction to the fact-finding mission’s assumptions.

It also addresses factual inaccuracies, provides omitted context and demonstrates Georgia’s full compliance with OSCE commitments and international standards.

By presenting these materials, the Georgian side aimed to ensure that the OSCE participating States and international stakeholders have access to the complete factual record, enabling an objective, balanced and evidence-based assessment of the country’s adherence to its human dimension obligations.

It is rather regrettable that participating States were not given enough time to analyse the voluminous materials presented by the Government of Georgia before the Permanent Council meeting.

Mr. Chairperson,  
Colleagues,

Let me reaffirm that Georgia has always acted in a responsible and co-operative manner, with full respect for the OSCE and its independent institutions and mechanisms.

Georgia's engagement has consistently been guided by a commitment to dialogue, transparency and good-faith co-operation.

Independence and impartiality are essential to the credibility of any monitoring or fact-finding process.

It is regrettable that we increasingly witness attempts to misuse international organizations and institutions for malign purposes, thereby undermining their credibility and public trust in institutional neutrality.

We should not allow the OSCE to fall victim to such malpractice or to be used as a political instrument. For that reason, we believe that these concerns should be adequately addressed at this Council.

Challenging such an inaccurate and biased report is a necessary step in defending the integrity of international processes.

Ensuring that expert mechanisms remain independent, balanced and mandate-bound is in the interest of all participating States and the Organization itself.

The Government of Georgia once again appeals to the OSCE and its participating States to give due consideration to the legal arguments provided by the Georgian authorities and to reject and distance themselves from the controversial findings and politically influenced recommendations advanced by the fact-finding mission in disregard of its mandate.

Please attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you for your attention.