

Chairmanship: Switzerland

1560th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.25 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson and a number of delegations offered their condolences to Türkiye and to the families of the victims in connection with the two school shooting incidents that took place on 14 and 15 April 2026. Türkiye thanked them for their expression of sympathy.

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

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

Chairperson, Ukraine, United Kingdom, 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) (PC.DEL/344/26 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/348/26 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/346/26), Norway (PC.DEL/350/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/332/26), France

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *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/333/26)

- (b) *Russian submarine activity in the Atlantic*: United Kingdom (also on behalf of the Netherlands and Norway), Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/336/26), Ukraine, Canada (PC.DEL/347/26 OSCE+), France, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/334/26)
- (c) *The NGO Memorial and the human rights situation in the Russian Federation*: France (also on behalf of Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/345/26 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/343/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Participation by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr. I. Cassis, in the Fifth Antalya Diplomacy Forum, to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, from 17 to 19 April 2026:
Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/47/26 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 April 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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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.