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DECISION No. 1515
RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A DECISION ON THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

The Permanent Council,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/1/25 of 25 June 2025);

2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 24 December 2025, at noon CET.

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Switzerland:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the recommendation to adopt a decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, Switzerland would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

Switzerland is finalizing its preparations to take over the OSCE Chairmanship in 2026. A key element in these preparations is the technical decisions that can be taken in advance to facilitate the efficient functioning of the Organization next year. The decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council is one of them.

One of Switzerland's priorities is to foster inclusive dialogue with all participating States. The Ministerial Council meeting in Switzerland, to which all 57 participating States will be invited, will be an important event to that effect. We plan to hold it in the city of Lugano, and we want to ensure broad and inclusive participation. Switzerland takes its role as host State very seriously. It always does its utmost to ensure that all delegations can come to Switzerland to work under the best possible conditions.

Mr. Chairperson,

Switzerland is looking forward to organizing the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Ministerial Council in Lugano on 3 and 4 December 2026. Starting the preparatory work a year ahead will provide us with a meaningful time frame to achieve a well-organized event.

We request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."