

Chairmanship: Malta

1497th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 21 November 2024 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.30 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador N. Meli Daudey
Mr. M. Cluett
Mr. C. Cutajar
Mr. A. Sant Fournier

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Armenia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador A. Hovhannisyan, to the Permanent Council.

Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1389/24 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: **DECISION ON THE TIMETABLE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1489 (PC.DEC/1489) on the timetable of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Belarus (PC.DEL/1398/24 OSCE+), Chairperson, Hungary-European Union (also on behalf of the United States of America) (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO
 THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1490 (PC.DEC/1490) on the forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
 MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/15/24 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, , Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1404/24), United States of America (PC.DEL/1390/24), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1391/24 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1411/24 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1417/24), Norway (PC.DEL/1407/24), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1401/24 OSCE+), Romania, Moldova (PC.DEL/1415/24 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION’S ONGOING AGGRESSION
 AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1418/24), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Monaco, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1405/24), Canada (PC.DEL/1408/24), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/1395/24), Türkiye (PC.DEL/1410/24 OSCE+), Latvia (PC.DEL/1403/24 OSCE+), Albania, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1402/24 OSCE+), Ireland (PC.DEL/1397/24), Italy (PC.DEL/1399/24 OSCE+), Spain, Czechia, Germany (PC.DEL/1400/24 OSCE+), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/1416/24 OSCE+), Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Georgia (PC.DEL/1414/24 OSCE+), Slovenia (PC.DEL/1413/24 OSCE+), Belgium, France, Slovakia, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal, Estonia, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Greece, Moldova, Austria, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1396/24)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in yet more confrontation in and around Ukraine: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1392/24), United States of America

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Deadline of 22 November 2024 for registering for the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be held in Malta on 5 and 6 December 2024:*
Chairperson
- (b) *List of side events scheduled for the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be held in Malta on 5 and 6 December 2024 (MC.INF/8/24 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/SECRETARY
 GENERAL

Current financial situation in the OSCE: Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General,
Chairperson

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ninety-first anniversary of the Holodomor genocide committed in Ukraine in 1932–1933 by the totalitarian Stalin regime: Ukraine, Canada (PC.DEL/1409/24), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1406/24), United States of America (PC.DEL/1393/24), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1394/24)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 November 2024, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



1497th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1497, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 1489
TIMETABLE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Malta, 5 and 6 December 2024)

The Permanent Council,

Recognizing that the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure,

Decides:

To adopt the timetable of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council as set out below.

Timetable

Thursday, 5 December 2024

- 10 a.m. **Opening session (open)**
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
 - Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
 - Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Report by the Secretariat
- First plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch for Ministers of Foreign Affairs or heads of delegations

3–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations

Friday, 6 December 2024

10 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents and decisions
- Closing statements by delegations
- Any other business

Closing session (open)

- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairpersons-in-Office)

1.30 p.m. Press conference

PC.DEC/1489
21 November 2024
Attachment

Original: ENGLISH

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

The delegation of Hungary, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement (also on behalf of the United States of America):

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the timetable of the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union welcomes the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the timetable for the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, in line with the Rules of Procedure. However, we regret that consensus could not be reached on the draft Permanent Council decision which included both the timetable and organizational modalities as initially proposed by the Maltese Chairmanship. The EU found this proposal acceptable, as it was based on the last agreed relevant Permanent Council decision.

In the absence of a Permanent Council decision on the organizational modalities for this Ministerial Council meeting, we reaffirm that representatives of international organizations, institutions and initiatives should be invited to participate, deliver oral interventions, or distribute written contributions according to the previously agreed list. We do not see any new developments that would warrant expanding this list at this time.

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

The United States of America aligns itself with this statement.

Thank you.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

PC.DEC/1490
21 November 2024

Original: ENGLISH

1497th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1497, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 1490
FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council a draft agenda for the Thirty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.