

**1343rd Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1418  
TIMETABLE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE  
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Stockholm, 2 and 3 December 2021)

The Permanent Council,

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

Decides:

To adopt the timetable of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council as set out below.

**Timetable**

**Thursday, 2 December 2021**

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 OSCE Secretary General

**First plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations

1.15 p.m.      Family photo

1.30 p.m. Lunch for Ministers for Foreign Affairs or heads of delegations

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

- Statements by heads of delegations

**Friday, 3 December 2021**

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

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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 the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the adoption of the timetable of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the Russian Federation expresses its deep disappointment at the fact that once again it proved impossible to reach agreement on a list of international organizations, institutions and initiatives whose representatives will be invited to the Ministerial Council meeting and will have the right to address the meeting and/or distribute written statements, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The unacceptability of any hierarchy of international, regional and subregional organizations and associations is also made clear in the Platform for Co-operative Security, which is attached to the 1999 Charter for European Security.

The Russian Federation hopes that in future the OSCE participating States will manage to overcome their differences on this fundamental issue.

We take the position that, in the absence of a Permanent Council decision on the organizational modalities for holding the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, statements by representatives of international organizations during the Ministerial Council meeting should be possible solely in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE – only on the basis of an oral consensus decision by all OSCE participating States.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.”

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The delegation of Slovenia, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the timetable for the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement:

Paragraph IV.2(B)2 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure states that ‘the decision on the timetable and organizational modalities for each Ministerial Council meeting shall be adopted by the Permanent Council not later than one month before the meeting.’

While the European Union welcomes the decision adopting the timetable for the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, we regret that consensus could not be reached on the modalities for the meeting, and in particular on which organizations to invite and the modalities of their participation.

Under the OSCE Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Ministerial Council, Paragraph IV.2(B)5 states that, ‘For each meeting, the Permanent Council shall specify the list of international organizations, institutions, and initiatives to be invited to attend and to make oral and/or written contributions.’ In the absence of consensus on this issue, the Chairmanship should fall back on past agreed modalities.

The decision on the timetable of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council does not represent a precedent for the organization of future Ministerial Council meetings.

We request that this statement be attached to the relevant decision.”

The candidate countries Republic of North Macedonia<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro<sup>1</sup>, and Albania<sup>1</sup>, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Georgia align themselves with this statement.

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1 The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.