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**Chairmanship: North Macedonia**

**1408th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 January 2023 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.  
Resumed: 3 p.m.  
Closed: 6.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Djundev

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Japan to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Ryuta Mizuuchi, the new Permanent Representative of Jordan to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Haitham Abu Alfoul, and the new Permanent Representative of Thailand to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Vilawan Mangklatanakul, to the Permanent Council.

Chairperson, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/68/23 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Chairperson, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/2/23/Rev.1 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/69/23), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/102/23), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/71/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/70/23), Georgia, Türkiye (PC.DEL/106/23 OSCE+), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/99/23 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/112/23 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/93/23 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION  
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/92/23), United States of America (PC.DEL/78/23), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/101/23), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/75/23 OSCE+), Canada, Türkiye (PC.DEL/107/23 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/74/23), Secretary General (SEC.GAL/15/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/83/23 Restr.), France, Germany

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE  
ALLIANCE

Chairperson, President of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (PC.DEL/72/23 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/72/23/Add.1 OSCE+), Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/23 OSCE+), Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/89/23 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/104/23), United Kingdom, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/80/23), Türkiye, Ukraine, Switzerland (PC.DEL/98/23 OSCE+), Sweden (PC.DEL/109/23 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/96/23), Armenia (PC.DEL/110/23 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/81/23), Holy See (PC.DEL/76/23 OSCE+), Canada, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/94/23 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/87/23 OSCE+), Romania (PC.DEL/105/23 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE DECISION ON  
THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

The Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairman-in-Office, in a letter issued on 25 January 2023 (Annex), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/23 (MC.DEC/1/23) on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ongoing crimes by the Kiev regime and dangerous policies of the Western alliance to exacerbate tensions:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/82/23), Germany

- (b) *Aggression of Azerbaijan against Artsakh and Armenia with the direct involvement of Turkey and foreign terrorist fighters: Armenia* (PC.DEL/111/23 OSCE+)
- (c) *Recent anti-Islamic attacks in Europe: Türkiye* (PC.DEL/108/23 OSCE+), Sweden, Netherlands (PC.DEL/91/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/84/23), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/95/23 OSCE+)
- (d) *Political prisoners in Belarus: Sweden-European Union* (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/103/23), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/85/23), Switzerland (PC.DEL/100/23 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/90/23 OSCE+), Canada, Norway (PC.DEL/97/23), Belarus (PC.DEL/88/23 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Ms. B. Turković, held in Skopje on 20 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (b) *Visit of the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. B. Osmani, to the OSCE Mission to Skopje on 25 January 2023: Chairperson*
- (c) *Conference on Combating Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Region, to be held in Skopje on 6 and 7 February 2023: Chairperson*

Agenda item 7:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General* (SEC.GAL/14/23 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 19 March 2023: Kazakhstan, Russian Federation* (PC.DEL/86/23 OSCE+), United States of America, United Kingdom, Sweden-European Union

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 February 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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## **LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE**

Skopje, 25 January 2023

Your Excellencies,  
Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.DD/1/23), expiring on Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 8 a.m. CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Thirtieth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council. Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Bujar Osmani  
Chairman-in-Office  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs  
of the OSCE participating States



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

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**DECISION No. 1/23  
TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OSCE  
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Ministerial Council,

Decides that the Thirtieth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held in Skopje on 30 November and 1 December 2023.

MC.DEC/1/23  
25 January 2023  
Attachment

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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:

“While joining the consensus regarding the decision on the time and place of the next meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the Russian Federation assumes that North Macedonia, as the host country of that event, as well as all transit countries, will take exhaustive measures to ensure that the representatives of all the OSCE participating States without exception, at whatever political level they themselves choose, can come to Skopje. This means that there will be no discrimination with regard to the composition of national delegations, nor any impediment to the flight or travel of members of delegations to the Ministerial Council venue by the means of their choice, including special flights. In this regard, we take note of the statements by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office that North Macedonia will make all the necessary efforts to that end.

We emphasize that improper implementation of the OSCE documents governing the convening of the Ministerial Council will make it impossible for any decisions and documents to be adopted at the meeting.

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