

1162nd Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 1270
TIMETABLE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

(Vienna, 7 and 8 December 2017)

The Permanent Council,

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

Adopts the timetable of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council as set out below.

Timetable

Thursday, 7 December 2017

9.45 a.m. Family photo

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

1.30 p.m. Working lunch for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations

- Separate lunch for members of delegations

3.15–6 p.m. **Second plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations

7.30 p.m. Official dinner for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations

Reception for members of delegations and the press (via invitation)

Friday, 8 December 2017

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

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council decisions and documents
- 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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Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: FRENCH

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

“The European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure:

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

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

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

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

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

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Attachment 2

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
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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-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the delegation of the Russian Federation expresses its deep disappointment at the fact that 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 ministerial meeting and/or distribute written statements, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Unfortunately, during the discussions, it proved impossible to agree on the question of equal rights for organizations. We regret the attempts to establish a discriminatory hierarchy of organizations, artificially giving some a higher status than others. This contravenes the provisions of the Platform for Co-operative Security of the 1999 Charter for European Security.

The Russian delegation hopes that in future the OSCE participating States will manage to overcome their differences on this question.

We take the position that, in the absence of a Permanent Council decision on the organizational modalities for the holding of the Twenty-Fourth 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, in other words only on the basis of a consensus decision by all OSCE participating States.

I request that this statement be appended to the decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”