

Chairmanship: France

1132nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 (in the Neuer Saal)

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador F. Benhabylès-Foeth

Russian Federation (Annex)

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS
 - (a) *Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/136/26), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/144/26 OSCE+), Cyprus (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine) (FSC.DEL/143/26 OSCE+), Canada (FSC.DEL/132/26 OSCE+), Sweden (FSC.DEL/130/26 OSCE+), Norway (FSC.DEL/147/26), Russian Federation, Belarus (FSC.DEL/142/26 OSCE+)
 - (b) *Supporting the OSCE's core purpose and the important role of the FSC:* United States of America (FSC.DEL/128/26/Corr.1)
 - (c) *Special military operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/140/26)

Agenda item 2: CLOSING SESSION – CLOSING STATEMENT BY
FRANCE

Chairperson, Ms. A. Rufo (Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs of France), Finland, United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/145/26 OSCE+), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/138/26), Canada (FSC.DEL/133/26 OSCE+), Türkiye (FSC.DEL/152/26 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine) (FSC.DEL/134/26), Germany (FSC.DEL/129/26 OSCE+), Switzerland (FSC.DEL/131/26 OSCE+), Montenegro (FSC.DEL/137/26 OSCE+), Cyprus (FSC.DEL/148/26 OSCE+), Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova (FSC.DEL/151/26 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/150/26 OSCE+), Armenia (FSC.DEL/149/26), Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/141/26), Georgia (FSC.DEL/153/26 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcing and Reminding Mechanism pursuant to FSC Decision No. 10/02:*
Chairperson
- (b) *Military exercise “Cold Response 2026”, conducted from 9 to 19 March 2026:*
Norway (FSC.DEL/146/26)
- (c) *Concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 22 April 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Madam Chairperson,

The delegation of the Russian Federation considers inappropriate any attempts to use the exalted position of a chairing country to undermine the consensus basis of the OSCE's work.

The Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) is a technical moderator, not a political referee, and the Chairperson's tasks are strictly delimited by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

It is expressly stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE that the Forum's Chairmanship is responsible "on behalf of the FSC for co-ordination of and consultation on current FSC business" (paragraph III.4 of the Rules of Procedure). On behalf of the FSC means on behalf of all 57 participating States without exception, participating States whose interests must be taken into account and respected in your actions.

The FSC Chairmanship has no authority to make political assessments of statements by participating States, nor to attempt to silence those who take a different view of the security situation.

We call upon the French Chairmanship to display good sense and to not undermine the sustainability of the FSC and its status as the main pan-European platform for dialogue in the field of military security. I would remind you this is precisely how the OSCE Secretary General, His Excellency Mr. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, described the Forum in his statement at the 98th joint meeting of the FSC and the Permanent Council.

To this end, it is necessary to strictly abide by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and adhere to the approaches to the Organization's work that have been agreed upon by all the participating States, rather than to NATO, EU or national positions.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.