



**99th JOINT MEETING
OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 5 p.m.

Closed: 6.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Maisuradze (FSC) (Georgia)
Ambassador R. Nägeli (PC) (Switzerland)

Russian Federation (Annex 1), Belarus (FSC-PC.DEL/27/26 OSCE+)

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

Agenda item 1: RECENT AERIAL ATTACKS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson (FSC), Chairperson (PC), Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (on behalf of the Secretary General) (SEC.GAL/62/26), Ukraine (FSC-PC.DEL/30/26), Cyprus-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC-PC.DEL/33/26), Romania, Czechia (FSC-PC.DEL/36/26 OSCE+), Albania (FSC-PC.DEL/35/26 OSCE+), Germany (FSC-PC.DEL/26/26 OSCE+), Sweden, Norway, Türkiye, Slovakia (FSC-PC.DEL/24/26 OSCE+), France (Annex 2), United Kingdom, Poland, Canada, Ireland (FSC-PC.DEL/25/26), Finland, Netherlands (FSC-PC.DEL/32/26 OSCE+), Italy (FSC-PC.DEL/29/26 OSCE+), Bulgaria, Lithuania (also on behalf of Estonia and Latvia) (FSC-PC.DEL/34/26 OSCE+), San Marino, Greece, Moldova, Malta, Austria, Belgium, Slovenia, Russian Federation (FSC-PC.DEL/31/26)

Point of order: Ukraine, Chairperson (FSC)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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Annex 1

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

Mr. Chairperson of the Permanent Council,
Mr. Chairperson of the Forum,

It is disappointing that the existing rules continue to be demonstratively violated within our Organization. The inclusion in the agenda for today's meeting of yet another non-consensus agenda item with biased wording – “Recent aerial attacks in the context of the Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine” – is quite unacceptable.

We would remind you that the convening of meetings must be fully in line with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE by involving consultations with all the participating States (paragraphs IV.1(C)1, IV.1(C)3 and IV.1(C)4) and may not run counter to the provisions of the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office, which unambiguously obligates the Chairmanship to take the whole spectrum of opinions into account in its actions (Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 8 of 2002).

The agenda for today's joint meeting has an overtly confrontational thrust and does not give participating States equal opportunities to take part in the discussion. Such methods of organizing meetings of the OSCE decision-making bodies are in direct conflict with the established Rules of Procedure and must stop.

Furthermore, the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office rejected a request from the Russian Federation to convene a joint meeting of the Permanent Council and the Forum today on the topic “Deliberate attacks on civilians in blatant violation of international humanitarian law” to discuss the barbaric attack by the Ukrainian armed forces on a teacher training college in Starobelsk on 22 May 2026, which resulted in numerous civilian casualties. This demonstrates the double standards and unprofessionalism of the Chairmanship-in-Office, in whose opinion the agenda for the current meeting allows us to speak on the topic we have proposed.

In this regard, and in view of the position taken by the Chairmanship-in-Office, we shall speak on the topic we have formulated, namely “Deliberate attacks on civilians in blatant violation of international humanitarian law”.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today's joint meeting in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE**

Mr. Chairperson,

France aligns itself with the statement by the European Union, and I should like to add the following comments in a national capacity.

We are gathered here today as Russia has once again launched an Oreshnik ballistic missile at civilian targets in Ukraine. France condemns this attack and the use of the Oreshnik ballistic missile, which above all signal a form of heedlessness and the dead end of Russia's war of aggression, as the President of the Republic pointed out this weekend.

The Russian authorities claim to have carried out this strike in retaliation for events that reportedly took place in the Luhansk region, on Ukrainian territory occupied by Russia. They report that several children have been injured or killed in an alleged strike by the Ukrainian army on the site of a vocational school in Starobilsk.

Full light must be shed on what happened. The death of innocent children would be a tragedy.

France calls, always and everywhere, for compliance with international humanitarian law. Its principles, in particular those of distinction, precaution and proportionality, must apply under all circumstances. Civilian populations must always be protected.

Mr. Chairperson,

But do we really need to remind everybody? Russia has been illegally occupying parts of internationally recognized Ukrainian territory since 2014 and, more than four years ago now, it launched a war of aggression against Ukraine.

Russia is bombarding major Ukrainian cities on a daily basis with utter disregard for civilian lives. It is Russia that has sought to break the resistance of the Ukrainian population by depriving them of electricity and heating during freezing cold winters. It is Russia that has allowed the torture of Ukrainian prisoners of war and civilians in its jails.

Last week, in this room, Russia threatened Latvia – a member of the Security Council, the European Union and NATO – with strikes on its command centres. Committed to its alliances, France affirms its solidarity with, and support for, Latvia and rejects this unacceptable and irresponsible escalation.

Mr. Chairperson,

Given that Russia has refused to allow the extension of the ceasefire following the 9 May celebrations – and did the same regarding the Orthodox Easter truce in April – it is now high time to put an end to this war.

Russia must heed the message addressed to it, calling for an immediate, comprehensive and unconditional ceasefire.

France urgently calls for this path towards de-escalation to be taken and stands ready to contribute to this end with its partners. It will continue to resolutely support Ukraine's legitimate resistance.

I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day. Thank you.