

Peter Juel Jensen to lead Danish delegation to OSCE PA Winter Meeting

Debates expected on arms control, prison reform, economic crisis

COPENHAGEN, 20 February 2012. Peter Juel Jensen will lead the Danish parliamentary delegation to this week's OSCE Parliamentary Assembly meeting in Vienna, where more than 200 parliamentarians from more than 50 countries will debate arms control, prison reform, counter-terrorism and the global financial crisis.

The Danish delegation includes Peter Juel Jensen, Pia Kjærsgaard and Christian Juhl.. The two-day meeting begins 23 February with an international panel addressing the Assembly's human rights committee about torture, prisons and justice. (**The meeting will stream live online at www.oscepa.org**)

Manfred Nowak, former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, will discuss the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, among other issues. Bill Browder of Hermitage Capital Management will speak about the case of his attorney, Sergei Magnitsky, who died in a Russian prison. Eugenia Carr, daughter of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, will discuss her mother's seven-year prison sentence.

The global financial will be debated in the Assembly's economic committee with presentations from Amb. Eustathios Lozos, Chair of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, and Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities.

In the committee on political and military affairs, parliamentarians will discuss the fight against terrorism and crime with high-level briefings by UN and OSCE officials. The special debate on arms control is expected to include participation from leading experts from the United States and the Russian Federation.

Also scheduled to address the Winter Meeting are OSCE PA President Petros Efthymiou, President of the Austrian Parliament Barbara Prammer, Ireland's Minister of State for European Affairs Lucinda Creighton as Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, and OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier.

The Winter Meeting is open to the media, and will be streamed live at <u>oscepa.org</u>. The full agenda is available here.

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