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Although almost no meetings took place in Vienna during the first week, because everybody had moved to Cordoba for the Conference on Tolerance Issues, it turned out to be an important week inasmuch that on Friday Marc Perrin de Brichambaut was appointed new OSCE Secretary General, effective on July 1.

During the weekend, I participated in a conference of the **Parliamentary Network of the World Bank on Mobilizing Parliamentarians for Development** in Vienna. Although practically all inter-parliamentary assemblies and networks had been invited, only very few parliamentarians, mostly from Africa and from Austria as the host country, participated in the meeting. Former PACE President Peter Schieder in his closing remarks made a strong plea for the role of formalized parliamentary assemblies and expressed hope that the exercise started with the network would eventually lead to a real parliamentary dimension and an enhanced accountability of the institutions. In this context, the Dutch member of Parliament Bert Koenders (Network, NATO PA) said when making his presentation that the OSCE PA had taken a lead in enhancing transparency and interaction by establishing its Vienna Office.

On Monday and on Tuesday this week the **Heads of Missions (HoMs) Meeting** took place. One discussion focused on local staff salaries, which are considered as a severe political problem not only by the HoMs, but also by several of the Heads of Delegations. This is not only so because of the extreme variety of salaries between the missions, but in particular within each mission. In many cases, high ranking staff recruited locally earns only a small portion of the salary that their seconded collaborators are getting. Another point of discussion was Election Observation Missions. One delegation urged not to see them as merely technical exercises without follow-up. It was also discussed in which way one could in future avoid competition between different EoMs, in particular between those of ODIHR and of the CIS countries.

### **The PC took the following decisions:**

1. Decision on a recommendation to adopt a ministerial statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism
2. Decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2005 Mediterranean Seminar
3. Decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine
4. Decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova
5. Decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission

The PC also debated the Report of the Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact, Erhard Busek, as well as the report by Ambassador Dr Maurizio Pavesi, Head of the OSCE Office in Baku, and the Subcommittee's Report on Enhancing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Economic Forum. It is the intention of the incoming Belgian Chair to make Transportation a major issue under its Chairmanship.

Under Current Issues, the PC debated ODIHR's criticism contained in the final report on the last elections in Moldova as well as in Tajikistan, the detention of Mahmadrusi Iskandarov, the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Tajikistan, the forced return of some Uzbek refugees from Kyrgyzstan, recent fatal events in South Ossetia, Georgia, including Georgia's wish to enlarge the

group of observers, elections in Azeri territories which are under Armenian occupation, the situation in Uzbekistan and the upcoming Election Observation Missions to Albania and Kyrgyzstan. For the latter two the number of observers seconded by Participating States are far away from meeting the demand.

The PrepCom continued to debate the **Program Outline** for the 2006 OSCE budget, which will serve as a political guideline for fund managers when they draft their budget proposals.

In the **Mediterranean Contact Group**, a number of points were debated, including the outcome of the Cordoba Conference. Following a strong statement of the Egyptian Ambassador on the need to arrive at a holistic approach of tolerance issues, including his country's wish to only have one representative on all the issues, many Participating States joined in the call for a change in the present system. Algeria made a strong plea for an enhanced inclusion of the Partners in the OSCE's work on borders. I briefed the participants about the relevant points of the Annual Conference in Washington, including the side event and the supplementary issues.

The outgoing **Economic and Environmental Coordinator**, Marcin Swięcicki, will soon be replaced by Bernard Snoy, a Belgian, who until now has been Director of Table II of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe.

This week, we also organized and accompanied a visitor's program for the **Secretary of the Delegation of the Russian Federation Council Dmitry Piskarev**, who had spent the beginning of the week in the Sekretariat in Copenhagen.

The preparations for the **Albanian EOM** are making progress; so far 25 observers from national parliamentary delegations have registered.



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