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PA Secretary General

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This week, meetings of the PC, a joint meeting of the PC with the FSC, the PrepCom, and several working groups meetings took place.

The PC took a number of decisions:

1. on Countering the Threat of Radioactive Sources
2. on the theme, format and organizational modalities for the Fourteenth Economic Forum
3. on the addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: addressing the special needs of child victims of trafficking for protection and assistance
4. on the election support team to Afghanistan

It also saw the first address by the new Secretary General, who urged for a quick implementation of the reform ideas put forward both by the Panel and by the PA's expert group. This is in line with the way the Chairmanship and the Secretary General are referring to both papers on the OSCE website, where they figure on even footing.

I also had to reply to the first feedback to the PA decisions in Washington: Under Current Issues, the Moldovan ambassador Natalia Gherman, in a statement on the PA's Annual Session, complained about the PA's decision on Moldova, both in terms of substance and of procedure. In my reply, I made some general remarks about the political nature of our resolutions and said that we reserved the right to come back to the issue at a later stage, especially when it will be determined when and by whom the results from Washington will be presented to the PC. In the Press, the Moldovan Dep. Speaker of Parliament Rosca called the resolution an "insult to Moldova".

In a note verbal, already on Wednesday, I had drawn the attention of the delegations to our website with the Washington results. The interest remains at a high level.

Another point under Current Issues was the Albanian elections. Albania was very careful in commenting on the outcome and on the observations of the election observation. Russia commended the Statement on the Preliminary Findings, but criticized the press release heavily, saying that it did not reflect the overall picture as it was presented by the findings. The way it had been drafted once more showed that the EOMs assumed a role that was not theirs.

Further points under this agenda item were the treatment of a human rights' activist in Kazakhstan and the current situation of schools in the Transdniestrian part of Moldova. The reports of the External Auditors and of the Personal Representative on the Dayton accord were received with routine statements. General Sampaolo appeared for the last time, since his task is finished.

Ambassador Heyken presented his last report as head of the Office in Minsk. Although Belarus and Russia criticized a number of aspects in his report, they said that in general they welcomed his cooperative attitude and the work he had done.



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