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PA President

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PA Secretary General

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This week, meetings of the PC, the PrepCom, the Advisory Committee for Management and Finance and the Working Group on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the OSCE (Reform Group), took place.

The Permanent Council did not take any decisions, but heard an address by NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer as well as reports by the HCNM and the (new) Project Coordinator for Ukraine, James Shoemaker. The first item resulted in the usual ritual of assurances of the mutual will to cooperate, and the discussion about the two reports made it clear that everybody seems to be happy with both of them. On Ukraine, not only is everybody full of praise, but they seem to be getting an enormous budgetary increase as well. Under Current Issues, the Permanent Council debated the upcoming elections in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, and Moldova, again without anything new coming out of it.

This week's Reform Group session took place at drafting level on the paper on "Improvement of the Consultative and Decision-making Process", mainly on the issue of establishing a committee structure with three committees corresponding to the three dimensions, the opinions on which remain very divided and split within the groups. I took the floor pointing at the wording in a paragraph about the participation of certain outsiders, which could be misinterpreted – in spite of the assurance of the Chair – that it is a matter of fact thing that we will be participating in the committees' meetings. The Chair promised to make necessary changes.

The new Danish ambassador John Bernhardt visited the office. A number of invitations to social events seem to indicate that the PA representative is seen as a regular component of ambassadorial get togethers, and they offered an opportunity to lobby for the PA's cause.



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