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ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE

LA PRÉSIDENTE

To the members of the OSCE-PA

Dear Colleague,

It was a real pleasure to welcome you in Brussels last week. Our new President rightly pointed out that we have passed a strong declaration with recommendations in a number of important fields.

I wish to thank the members of the general committee on Democracy, Human rights and humanitarian questions for supporting my candidacy as Chair of the third committee. In this capacity, I wish to draw your attention on the chapter of the resolution (paragraphs 96 to 101) devoted to parliamentary control of the police and security services in OSCE participating States and on the resolution we adopted on Strengthening effective parliamentary oversight of security and intelligence agencies which was introduced by our colleague Roberto Batelli.

It is one of the concrete proposals of the Brussels Declaration the implementation of which depends directly on us parliamentarians and on our concrete follow-up in our national parliaments.

I look forward to seeing you again in Malta and wish you pleasant summer-holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie LIZIN