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This week, meetings of the Permanent Council, the Forum for Security Cooperation, the Asian Partners for Cooperation, the Preparatory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance, as well as of the Working Groups on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE and on Terrorism took place. The Permanent Council has finally approved the Scales of Contribution. Thus, with the income side settled, there is a basis for an expeditious decision on the budget. Under Current Issues figured Uzbekistan (Andijan trial), Bosnia (recent positive developments), Moldova (the Chairmanship reporting on a provisional strengthening of the observer mission in the security zone).

The Preparatory Committee finally entered into the drafting of the documents for Ljubljana. Both the U.S. and the Russian delegation made it clear that they continue to uphold their opposite opinions on a possible mention of the Istanbul Commitments. It is therefore unclear whether there is any chance that there will be such a declaration this year. On a possible Ministerial Declaration on Reform, the newest revision has altered the paragraph on the "other contributions", and now mentions the Parliamentary Assembly as well, without directly referring to the Colloquium or specific recommendations. I took the floor on the Draft Rules of Procedure, reiterating the position that they should reflect accurately current practice and not stand in the way of improving it. I also proposed four changes in the text, in particular addressing the issues of the address of the Parliamentary Assembly President to the Summits and Councils, as well as the restrictive language on our right to take the floor in the meetings. I was immediately supported by the U.S. delegation. It is unclear whether a consensus on the document will be reached. Some delegations are still having grave problems with the sequence of reform and draft. Especially Norway does not believe that it is correct to first adopt the Rules and then to amend them following reform decisions.

The attendance of the Asian Contact Group Meeting was embarrassing. While all ambassadors from the Partner Countries were present, the only ambassador from the side of the Participating States who attended the meeting (or at least more than half of it) was the U.S. ambassador. The Partners complained about this and also about the fact that they are still only being invited to formal OSCE meetings on a case-by-case basis, and practically never to informal meetings. The Korean ambassador asked how they could actively participate without being able to follow the work of the OSCE.



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