

Socialist Group of the OSCE PA

Newsletter – Special Edition

To all National Delegations of the OSCE-PA

Dear Colleagues!

This is a special edition of the regular newsletter of the Socialist Group of the OSCE-PA. For once, this newsletter is addressing all National Delegations in order to inform everybody about the candidacy of Kimmo Kiljunen for the Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.

The Socialist Group of the OSCE-PA met in Vienna in conjunction with the annual Winter Meeting. And it is by acclamation that the Group endorsed the candidacy of Kimmo Kiljunen, formally proposed by the Finnish Delegation. This early decision gives us the opportunity to inform all members of the OSCE-PA already today about the visions, goals and strategies of Kimmo Kiljunen for the OSCE-PA.

And I wish all of you an interesting and colorful annual session – a session I will miss, since my daughter is passing her graduation exams (Matura) exactly that week and thus mum is needed at home!

Barbara Haering

Kimmo Kiljunen: Candidate of the Socialist Group for the Presidency of the OSCE-PA

Dear Colleagues,

At the end of the annual session in Brussels, the Parliamentary Assembly will elect a new President. The Finnish OSCE Delegation has formally proposed me for the post and the Socialist Group has endorsed my candidature.

As a former Vice-President of the Assembly I am prepared to accept the challenge. My eight main points for developing the work of the Parliamentary Assembly in the coming years can be summarized as follows:

1. The OSCE's concept of security is comprehensive and cooperative and the Parliamentary Assembly has an important role to play in fulfilling the OSCE objectives. Human security is a key concept for me.
2. The strength of the OSCE and its Parliamentary Assembly is the broad geographical scope (55 participating states). We need to ensure that all members, small and big countries

equally, can make active contributions.

3. The geographical, political, cultural and linguistic diversity of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly must be reflected and respected in all its activities.
4. The Parliamentary Assembly should complement and support the intergovernmental activities of the OSCE proper avoiding unnecessary duplication and confrontations.
5. The Parliamentary Assembly needs to further strengthen its own operative capacity (ad hoc working groups, special representatives, election monitoring) in close contact with the OSCE field missions and other OSCE institutions.
6. The Parliamentary follow-up of OSCE activities at national level should be further developed. We could learn from national experiences in the various member countries.
7. The political groups could and should play a more important role in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly.
8. Earlier personal commitments and contributions for the work of the Parliamentary Assembly should be

appreciated when nominations are made for key posts and functions.

These are my visions for developing the Parliamentary Assembly's work in the near future. I would appreciate your support for this in the coming election on 7 July 2006.

Yours sincerely

Kimmo Kiljunen

CV Dr. Kimmo Kiljunen

Date of birth: 13.06.1951, Finland
 married, four children, four grand-children
Degrees: M.A. (Social Sciences) Helsinki University 1973; D.Phil. (Development Studies) Sussex University, England 1985
Languages: Finnish, English, Russian, Swedish, French (modest)

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Parliamentary Functions in Finland

Member of Finnish Parliament since 1995
 Grand Committee (European Affairs), vice-chairman since 1999
 Foreign Affairs Committee, member since 1996
 WTO sub-committee, chairman since 2000

OSCE PA Activities

Finnish Delegation for OSCE PA, vice-chairman, since 1995
 Political and Security Committee, vice-chairman, 1996-99
 Political and Security Committee, chairman 1999-2000
 Working Group on Belarus, 1998-2003
 Working Group on Moldova, chairman, since 2000

Head of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Moldova 2001
 Head of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Belarus 2001
 Head of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Macedonia 2002
 Head of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Kyrgyzstan 2005
 Head of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Moldova 2005
 OSCE PA, Vice President, 2001 - 2004

International parliamentary functions

Parliamentarians for Global Action, International Council member, 1995 - 1999
 Nordic Council, member 1995-2001
 Arctic Council, Parliamentary Standing committee, member since 1999
 WTO Parliamentary Conference, member of the Steering Committee since 2001
 Parliamentary Network on World Bank, vice chairman since 2001
 EU Constitutional Convention, representative of the Finnish Parliament, 2002-03
 Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, chairman of the Finnish Group, since 2003
 Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, member since 2004

Work experience

Secretary General, Kampuchea Inquiry Commission, 1980-82
 Secretary General, International Peace Bureau, Geneva 1984-85
 Director, Institute of Development Studies, Helsinki University, 1986-95
 Consultant, UNICEF, Kenya Country Office, Nairobi, 1989-91
 Transition Policy Coordinator, UNDP, New York, 1993-94

Published 4 books in England and 12 in Finland on global development problems, international relations and political affairs.

Most recent books "The European Constitution in the Making", CEPS, Brussels, May 2004
 "A Constitution for the European Union", Helsinki, May 2005

Vice Presidencies of the OSCE-PA

Tone Tingsgard (Sweden) as well as Gert Weisskirchen (Germany) are running for two of the three vacant seats of vice presidents. They were nominated by acclamation.

The Socialist Group will meet several times the Annual Session in Brussels. Time and place will be indicated.

Draft Agenda:

1. Information from the Standing Committee
2. Vacancies and Candidatures
 - Presidency OSCE-PA
 - Vice-Presidencies OSCE-PA
 - Committee Officers
3. Miscellaneous

Impressum

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