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OSCE PA - Årlig session i Kiev

Hermed følger kopi af invitation, programudkast og "general information" vedr. OSCE PA's årlige session i Kiev den 5.-9. juli 2007

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Med venlig hilsen

Charlotte Faber

Internationalt Sekretariat



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Copenhagen, 23 March 2007

I have great pleasure in inviting you to the Sixteenth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which will be held in Kyiv from 5 to 9 July 2007.

The opening ceremony and all other meetings of the Session will take place at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Please find attached a letter of invitation from the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The General Information, Official Registration and Hotel Reservation Forms are also enclosed. The Programme will be forwarded to you in due time.

I look forward to seeing you in Kyiv.

Yours faithfully,

R. Spencer Oliver Secretary General



ГОЛОВА ВЕРХОВНОЇ РАДИ УКРАЇНИ

Kyiv, 1 March, 2007

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

On behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine I have the great pleasure to extend the invitation to you to attend the 16th Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to take place on 5-9 July, 2007 in Kyiv.

Through the years of independence the national foreign policy of Ukraine has inalterably been founded on the principles of good neighbourliness and mutual support. Such basic criteria as respect for human rights and freedoms, supremacy of law, adherence to the democratic values underlie the pace of the young Ukrainian state towards building up the civil society.

The decision on holding the OSCE PA regular annual session in Kyiv proves the confidence we enjoy from all the 55 partner-states. We highly appreciate that and will exert all the possible efforts to make the Kyiv inter-parliamentary forum a remarkable step towards strengthening global peace and stability, deepening mutual understanding between nations as well as enhancing the role of OSCE in opposing the global challenges of today.

We'll be pleased to greet you in July this year on the hospitable Ukrainian soil, rich with historical and cultural traditions, which you will surely have the opportunity to explore. I am convinced that friendly and frank exchange of ideas will be fruitful and efficient for the people of our countries.

I hope you will find the information attached helpful while accomplishing the necessary formalities and staying in Kyiv. Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the officers in charge as suggested on the information sheets.

With deep respect and looking forward to meeting you

Yours sincerely,

Olexandr MOROZ Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine



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PROGRAMME OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY Kyiv, 5-9 July 2007

The Inaugural Plenary Session and all other official meetings of the Assembly's bodies will take place on the premises of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) in Kyiv.

Wed	nesday	<u>, 4 July</u>

Evening

12.00 – 20.00	Registration desk will be open on the premises of the Verkhovna Rada	
18.00 — 19.00	Meeting of the Secretaries of Delegation	
19.00 — 19.30	Brief reception for the Secretaries of Delegation held at the Verkhovna Rada	
Thursday, 5 July		
08.00 - 09.00	Working Breakfast on Gender Issues	
09.30 - 12.30	Meeting of the Standing Committee	
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 15.30	Inaugural Plenary Session	
	Call to order and opening remarks by Göran Lennmarker, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly;	
	Addresses by the Host Officials	
	Address by the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, followed by a question/answer session	
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 — 18.00	Plenary Session (cont'd)	
	Addresses by the Presidents from the invited Parliamentary Assemblies;	
	Address by Mr. Marc Perrin De Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary General;	
	Report by Mrs. Tone Tingsgård, OSCE PA Special Representative on the gender issues followed by a debate;	
	Consideration of Supplementary items	

Reception offered by the Host Country

Frida	y, 6	July

07.00 - 08.30	Time reserved for meetings of various groups
09.00 – 11.00	General Committee on Political Affairs and Security
	Opening remarks by Mr.Jean-Charles Gardetto, Chair of the Committee;
	Introduction of the Draft Resolution by Mr. Kristian Pihl Lorentzen, Rapporteur;
	Debate
09.00 – 11.00	General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment
	Opening remarks by Mr. Leonid Ivanchenko, Chair of the Committee;
	Introduction of the Draft Resolution by Mr. Roland Blum, Rapporteur;
	Debate
11.30 - 13.30	General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions
	Opening remarks by Mrs. Anne-Marie Lizin, Chair of the Committee;
	Introduction of the Draft Resolution by Mr. Jesus Lopez-Medel, Rapporteur;
	Debate
12.30 13.30	Mediterranean Side Meeting
15.30	Excursion followed by a concert and reception offered by the Host Country

Saturday, 7 July	•
07.00 - 09.00	

Time reserved for meetings of various groups

09.30 – 11.00 General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions

Debate (cont'd);

Consideration of amendments

09.30 – 11.00 General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

Debate (cont'd);

Consideration of amendments

11.30 – 13.00 General Committee on Political Affairs and Security

Debate (cont'd);

Consideration of amendments

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 16.00 General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and

Environment

Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution;

Supplementary items

14.30 – 16.00 General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian

Questions

Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution;

Supplementary items

16.30 – 18.00 General Committee on Political Affairs and Security

Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution;

Supplementary items

Evening Reception offered by the Host Country



GENERAL INFORMATION

16th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Information concerning the 16th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Venue of the Session

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine tel.: (+380 44) 255 2742, 255 2796, 255 2115

5, Hrushevskogo str. fax: (+380 44) 253 3217

01008 Kyiv e-mail: vidmz@rada.gov.ua, umz@rada.gov.ua

Ukraine http://www.rada.gov.ua

All meetings will be held at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, in the centre of Kyiv, at the historic Pechersk Hills where all the central authorities of Ukraine are concentrated. Public transport (bus, trolleybus and route taxis) is within walking distance from the Verkhovna Rada building. The nearest metro stations ("Khreshchatyk", "Maidan Nezalezhnosti", "Arsenalna") are all within a 5 to 10 minute walk. You can find tourist information about Kyiv and its environs at the official site of the Kyiv City State Administration http://kmv.gov.ua

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will make the arrangements for the Annual Session. For information please contact the staff listed below:

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Hotel Accommodations

Hotels for the Annual Session are listed in **Appendix A**. All reservations should be made using the appropriate Hotel Reservation Form (**Appendix B**), which should be filled in and sent by fax or e-mail directly to the hotel.

Copies also need to be sent to Mrs. Odile Lelarge at the the OSCE PA International Secretariat and to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Accommodation Coordination Cell to the attention of Ms. Zoya Kleshch.

Delegation Secretaries who wish to reserve rooms by making a block booking should fill out a form for each individual attending. Reservations should be made by 1st of June 2007, after which time it will not be possible to guarantee room availability. As the number of rooms in some of the hotels is limited, the reservation requests will be treated on first-come, first-serve basis.

For further information on amenities in the individual hotels, please consult the hotels' individual websites or call the contact person at the hotel.

An information desk will be located in the lobby of each hotel throughout the session. Parking is available at all of the hotels, at request.

Travel to Kyiv

Participants are kindly requested to indicate their Flight Numbers or Train Schedules, as well as dates of arrival to and departure from Kyiv on both the Registration Form and Hotel Reservation Form in order to facilitate their welcome and appropriate transfer.

Kyiv International Airport "Boryspil" is located 35 km to the east of the centre of Kyiv. Transportation will be provided upon arrival and for departure to and from the hotels. For participants arriving at the Kyiv Railway Station, there will also be transportation provided upon arrival and for departure.

Information can be obtained:

Services of the airport available on http://kbp.kiev.ua

Arrivals info available on http://kbp.kiev.ua/timetable/arrival.html

Departures info available on http://kbp.kiev.ua/timetable/departure.html

Arrival in Kyiv

Delegates and accompanying persons will be met at the Kyiv International Airport "Boryspil" or the Kyiv Central Railway Station from Tuesday, July 3 through Thursday, July 5, where a shuttle coach service will run all day to the conference hotels. There will be a welcome desk in an exclusive customs hall of the Kyiv International Airport "Boryspil" to greet the delegates in the best possible manner.

Special Needs

The Secretaries of Delegations should inform the Annual Session Working Group of guests with special needs in order to make the necessary transportation and other arrangements in advance.

Immigration Check

Every visitor needs a valid passport to enter Ukraine. The Rules of Entry and Exit for Ukraine are available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine at http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/publication/content/1865.htm

A list of countries whose nationals require entry visas can be found in **Appendix D** of this guide. However, we urge you to check current requirements before your departure. If you require a visa, you should contact the Ukrainian Embassy or Consulate in your country for further information.

* Please note: In some OSCE Member Countries there is no diplomatic or consular mission of Ukraine. In this case, consular functions are performed by Ukrainian embassies in other countries. The full list of the diplomatic missions of Ukraine is available on the MFA web-site at http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/304.htm

Customs

Customs and Excise regulations of Ukraine ban or restrict the import and export of certain goods. To avoid misunderstandings, please check the relevant Customs Rules and Regulations of Ukraine, which can be found on the Kyiv International Airport website at

http://kbp.kiev.ua/custom_supervision/(English) or

http://kbp.kiev.ua/rus/custom_supervision/(Russian).

Transportation during the Session

Coach transport will be provided to and from all social functions and for the accompanying persons' programme. A shuttle coach service will be provided during the session for all of the session hotels, except the "Natsionalny", which is located within walking distance of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Registration and Information desk

The Registration Form (**Appendix C**) should be sent to Mrs. Odile Lelarge at the OSCE PA International Secretariat (Fax: +45 33 37 80 30; Email: odile@oscepa.dk) before June 1st, 2007. Please send a copy to Mr. Andriy Korniychuk (korniych@rada.gov.ua) and Mr. Borys Kolisnychenko(kolisnychenko@rada.gov.ua)

A Registration Desk will be open in the main lobby of the principal Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine building (ground floor) from 12:00 to 19:00 on Wednesday, July 4th, and from 08:00 on Thursday, July 5th. An information desk will be open in the Verkhovna Rada main building throughout the Annual Session to assist delegates. There will also be an information desk open during conference hours in each hotel.

Please register as soon as possible after your arrival in Kyiv. All participants will be able to collect identity badges, handbooks, and further conference literature upon registration.

Security

All participants, including accompanying persons, observers, accompanying staff and members of the press, will be required to wear **identity badges** at all meetings and social functions, as well as for all transport organized for the session.

There will be no admittance to any programme functions without the appropriate identity badge. In case of loss of your personal badge, please report to the Registration Desk immediately.

For security reasons, participants should also be in possession of some other means of identification and be prepared for identity checks.

Translation

During the session, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official OSCE languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish), as well as in Ukrainian.

Insurance

Personal and medical insurance is the responsibility of individual participants. Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects, or any medical costs.

Embassies and Consulates

A list of foreign embassies and consulates in Kyiv is available on the MFA web-site at http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/1232.htm

All foreign embassies and consulates have been informed of the Session by the Working Group, and the evening of Sunday, July 8th has been reserved for hospitality by the diplomatic missions.

Accompanying Persons

A programme for accompanying persons has been arranged while delegates are engaged in conference sessions. Accompanying persons will also be welcomed on the Kyiv city tour on Friday, 6th July. The accompanying persons programme will be open to orange badge holders. Accompanying persons will be asked to wear their badges during participation in any part of the programme.

Dress Code

Business attire (or an appropriate equivalent for ladies) is required for formal occasions. Casual wear is suitable for the city tour and the accompanying persons program. It is recommended that comfortable shoes be worn for the excursion and the accompanying persons programme. There will be some walking required during most of these tours.

Medical Facilities

A first aid facility will be available for participants throughout the session in the Verkhovna Rada and in the conference hotels. Opening hours on 4-10 July: 08:00 – 22:00. However, illness requiring medical treatment or hospitalisation is the responsibility of the individual. Delegates taking medicine should bring enough to cover their needs and ensure that they have accurate insurance

Please do not forget to bring your Health Insurance card or documents. If you have to pay any costs up front, these documents should **guarantee reimbursement of health care costs** after your return home.

Climate

Climate in Kyiv is moderate continental. The average day temperature in July is 19°C. It is mostly sunny but rainfalls occur. The day time temperature may reach +28-32°C.

Time

During the session the "summer time" will be effective in Ukraine, which is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

Currency

The local currency is hryvnia, which is the only currency acceptable for payment. Credit cards such as VISA, American Express, and MasterCard are readily accepted in all the hotels, some restaurants, pubs and supermarkets, but cannot be used for making payment in smaller retail trade points. Cash can be obtained from Cash machines or at the nearest currency exchange point or bank.

Banking Services

Banks are located inside or near the hotels, and are generally open between 09:00 and 19:00. Cash points are available 24 hours a day.

Electricity

The electricity in Ukraine is 220 volts (50 Hz). Connectors are European type. Voltage transformers for appliances that require less then 220 volts are not easily obtainable and are best brought along.

Telecommunications

The international code for Ukraine is: +380, for Kyiv: 44. If you wish to make a call to Kyiv from another country please dial +38044 then a 7-digit city number. If you make a call on the mobile phone from abroad please dial +380 then the 2-digit code of one of the mobile operators, and then a 7-digit phone number. The most widely-spread mobile operators have the following codes: 50, 67, 97, 95, 66.

For availability of fax services and Internet, see information on hotels amenities on the hotels' websites.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited inside all public locations, restaurants, on public transport etc., except in designated smoking areas.