



The President

To: Heads of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Delegations
CC: Secretaries of Delegation

4 February 2008

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have been notified that Mr. Arminas Lydeka, who was elected Rapporteur of the General Committee on Political Affairs and Security at our latest Annual Session in Kyiv, is no longer a Member of the Lithuanian Delegation to the Assembly and therefore cannot continue as Rapporteur.

In accordance with Rule 35.5 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedures, "In the event of a vacancy [in the Bureau of one of the General Committees] arising during the course of the year, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute".

I am sure you will all agree that it certainly is necessary for the standing Committee to appoint a substitute for this crucial position. Because of the timing and the preparations necessary for the Winter Meeting, I have nominated Dr. Wolfgang Grossruck from Austria, the last serving Rapporteur of the First Committee, who is still a Member of the Assembly, to take on the responsibility of Acting Rapporteur until the Standing Committee convenes in Vienna. I hope that you will endorse my decision so that Mr. Grossruck can proceed with the important task as Rapporteur and prepare a report and draft resolution for the consideration of the Committee at the Annual Session in Astana next July.

I look forward to seeing you in Vienna and count on your support for this decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Göran Lenmarker', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Göran Lenmarker
President