



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2008

TO: Heads of Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

CC: Secretaries of Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

FROM: R. Spencer Oliver
Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

RE: Supplementary Items

The deadline for Supplementary Items for consideration to the Annual Session in Astana was Sunday, June 8. Nineteen Supplementary Items met the qualifications of co-sponsorship by the least twenty members from four countries by the June 8 deadline. Seven proposed Supplementary Items failed to receive the necessary co-sponsorship prior to the deadline. I attach those Supplementary Items that have met the qualifications for your information. They will also be posted on our website today.

Delegations are reminded that Rule 21 (attached) applies to all Supplementary Items which have met the requirements of sponsorship.

As you know, the Standing Committee must decide whether to refer Supplementary Items for further consideration. Proposed Amendments to Supplementary Items must be received at the Secretariat by no later than Sunday, June 22. The qualifying Supplementary Items which have been submitted in English are currently being translated into Russian and French and will be forwarded to you as quickly as possible.

May I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that the deadline for Amendments to the Draft Resolutions of the Rapporteurs of the three General Committees must be submitted no later than Sunday, June 15. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the International Secretariat. I look forward to seeing you in Astana.

Yours sincerely,



R. Spencer Oliver

RULE 21

Supplementary Items

1. The agenda of the Annual Session may be supplemented by an item or a motion on any matter within the competence of the OSCE, which does not relate directly to subjects proposed by the General Rapporteurs to the three General Committees. Such supplementary item shall be in a form of a draft resolution and it shall be received at the Secretariat at least twenty-one days before the opening of the first plenary session with signatures of at least twenty Members representing at least four different countries. The first signatory of a supplementary item will be its principal sponsor. The Standing Committee shall decide by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast whether to include a supplementary item on the agenda of the Annual Session. The Standing Committee shall then decide by a majority of votes cast whether to refer a supplementary item to the competent Committee or to submit it to the plenary.
2. If more than one supplementary item is presented on the same issue, the President may ask the principal sponsor of the draft resolution which was received first to consult the principal sponsors of the other draft resolutions on the same issue in order to present a compromise draft resolution. If such a compromise draft resolution is received at the Secretariat at least sixteen days before the opening of the first plenary session with signatures of the principal sponsors and at least half of the signatories of each of the two or more draft resolutions in question, it shall be presented to the Annual Session as a supplementary item and all other draft resolutions on the same issue shall fall. The principal sponsor of the draft resolution which was received first shall be the principal sponsor of the compromise draft resolution. If there is no agreement on a compromise draft resolution, the draft resolution which was received first shall be presented to the Annual Session and others on the same issue shall fall.