



The President

To: OSCE PA Bureau Members
CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Bureau Members

Copenhagen, 18 December 2008

Dear colleagues,

Looking ahead, I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you regarding some of the expected topics of discussion for the coming year. I think it is important that we continue to engage with the most pressing topics facing the international community. Therefore, following our discussions in Helsinki and consultation with a number of Members, it is my opinion that our meetings for the coming year should be focused on the following topics:

Winter Meeting, Vienna, 19-20 February

Our traditional Special Debate on 20 February would be focused on “The proposal for a new European Security Architecture”

Economic Conference, Dublin, 27-29 May

The Economic Conference would be focused on “The World Financial Crisis”

Annual Session, Vilnius, 29 June to 3 July

The Annual Session would focus on “The OSCE: Addressing New Security Challenges”

Fall Meetings, Athens, 9-11 October

The Conference at the Fall Meetings would focus on “Energy Security and Environment”

I hope you agree that this range of topics will enable us to all continue our dialogue on pressing issues in a timely manner.

I thank you for your support during 2008, and look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'João Soares', is written over a horizontal line.

João Soares