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PA President

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During these weeks which constituted the official OSCE Winter Recess, the Permanent Council met in two special meetings, which were preceded by meetings of the Preparatory Committee. In one of the meetings the PC approved the Unified Budget for 2010 and extended the current interim rule for the Scales of Contributions; the other meeting extended the mandate of the office in Minsk for another year.

The outgoing Greek Chairmanship also appointed a new head for the Minsk Office. However, so far, no agreement has been found on a successor for the Representative on the Freedom of the Media. Apparently, there is a large majority for one candidate, but the country of another candidate insists on the candidate that it proposed. This issue will therefore have to be dealt with by the Kazakh chairmanship.

This year's first meeting of the Permanent Council will take place next week within the framework of the opening of the Kazakh chairmanship. The week will also see the annual meeting of the heads of the OSCE field presences.



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