

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General


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These two weeks marked the opening of the Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship. Also, meetings of the permanent Council, the FSC, the PrepCom and other committees as well as the annual meeting of heads of OSCE field operations, took place. In the letter, as well as during the opening ceremonies, the PA was represented by Spencer Oliver and Gustavo Pal-larés, as well as by our office. I also participated in the observation of the elections in Ukraine.

The first PC of this year opened with a video message by President Nursultan Nazarbayev and a speech by Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev. The chairmanship wants to repeat last year's Corfu exercise by convening another informal ministerial meeting this summer. The second PC saw an address by Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé representing the Spanish EU Presidency. Speeches were followed by a very high number of statements, none of which contained any novelties. The third PC very briefly addressed four current issues. The US delegation commended the work done by OSCE PA President João Soares and his dedicated staff during the first round of the election observation in Ukraine, as well as the co-operation between the different observer groups.

The greatest disappointment was the first meeting of the Corfu Group. Instead of starting to work on concrete proposals for an enhancement of the security dialogue in Europe, most permanent representatives continued last year's debate about how to proceed further. After the meeting, several of them told me that they had the same impression. The next ambassadorial retreat will take place in three weeks and will hopefully enter into more detailed considerations. Both the US and the Russian delegation have announced and already partly tabled more concrete proposals which have not yet been debated but promise to be very controversial. I will again be invited to attend the retreat.

The office also received staff of the Armenian parliament are participating in a training organized jointly by the OSCE mission in Yerevan and the OSCE PA International Secretariat.


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