

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During these weeks, the three-day Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), a two-day Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking, a High Level Tripartite (UN, Council of Europe, OSCE) Meeting on Women in Security Politics, several PC meetings as well as meetings of the FSC, the Contact Groups, the PrepCom, and other Committees and of the Working Group on Legal Status took place. I also participated in the PA Secretary General's meetings in Berlin and a Conference of the German Foreign Office there.

Special PC meetings were devoted to the ongoing crisis in Kyrgyzstan. In one of them the PC approved a statement on the situation there. The statement does not contain major operational steps, despite an urgent call by the High Commissioner on National Minorities to do more. The PC also took an almost last-minute decision on the agenda of the upcoming High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination. The High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations Jorge Sampaio made another attempt to establish more interaction between this initiative and the OSCE. Latvia invited all relevant actors to observe its elections on October 2, 2010.

The ASRC did not contribute anything new to the Corfu Process, but saw another very emotional exchange of positions between Armenia and Azerbaijan on the Nagorno-Karabakh issue, after Armenia had accused the Chairmanship of being not sufficiently impartial. I delivered a statement on the role of the PA and parliamentarians in general in conflict resolution and conflict rehabilitation.

After three weeks of discussions at PrepCom level, delegations have commented on the entire Program Outline for the 2011 Budget. The issues that stalled the adoption of the budget until the very last minute last year re-emerged in the discussions. Amongst them are the future of the OSCE Office in Zagreb and the size of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Interest on the part of diplomats in the upcoming Annual Session in Oslo is growing. Apparently, at least some diplomats are playing or attempting to play a role in the different upcoming PA personnel decisions that will take place in Oslo.

The Working Group on Legal Status of the OSCE tries to make progress by taking a slightly new approach to the issue of an OSCE Charter tasking the Secretariat to compile all elements contained in existing OSCE documents.



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