

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During these weeks, which coincided with the Oslo Annual Session and the Informal Ministerial Council Meeting in Almaty, several meetings of the Permanent Council (PC) and the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC) took place in Vienna, as well as meetings of the Contact Groups, of all committees, and two conferences: the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Education of Persons Belonging to National Minorities and an expert Conference on Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and Strengthening Control of Precursor Chemicals. I briefed the PC and the joint Contact Groups about the outcome of our Annual Session and made a more in-depth presentation in an informal meeting.

After the Ministers agreed in principle on holding a summit in 2010 and Uzbekistan dropped its opposition to accepting a decision on a date for the events before the text of a draft Final Summit Declaration was agreed, delegations in Vienna have been busy preparing for it and the related events which will include a review conference of several weeks.

The PC took the following decisions: Extension of the mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and of the mandate of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan, OSCE Police Advisory Group to Kyrgyzstan and supplementary budget for the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, financial report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the report of the external auditor, mid-year review of the 2010 OSCE unified budget, amending OSCE staff regulations, as well as agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the OSCE special expert meeting on assessing the OSCE's future contribution to international energy security cooperation and of the 2010 OSCE Mediterranean Conference.

Despite declared unanimity on the readiness to help and although the result achieved (52 Police Advisors) is very limited, the decision on Kyrgyzstan was only found after many meetings and lengthy discussions. To date there is no clarity about the financing of the Task Force.



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