

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

Permanent Council Brief Week 30, 2010

This week, meetings of the PC, the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners, as well as Committee meetings and many informal meetings on the preparations for the decisions on the 2010 OSCE Summit took place.

The most important result is a decision to recommend to the Ministers to decide to hold the 2010 Summit on December 1/2 in Astana, preceded by a review conference taking place in three segments: One from September 30 until October 8 in Warsaw mostly on the Human Dimension, one from October 18 to 26 in Vienna (politico-military dimension/ economic and environmental dimension/OSCE structures and activities), and one on November 26 to 28 in Astana (mostly Human Dimension). The PA has been invited to address the openings and to contribute to all working sessions. The Ministerial Decision will be adopted if no objection is heard from the ministers before August 3 at noon ("Silence Procedure"). The Chairmanship will cover additional costs caused by the Summit as far as they exceed 1.5 Million Euro. The participating States will only be billed in 2011 after the expenses have been audited by an external auditor.

Another decision taken was to send an Election Support Team to Afghanistan.

The new Representative on the Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatovic, delivered her first report. She defended strongly her right to make public statements. Russia welcomed that the report was addressing issues both East and West of Vienna.

I briefed the PC on the mission of the PA Special Representative on Central Asia, Kimmo Kiljunen, to investigate into the tragic events in Southern Kyrgyzstan.

This year's Summer Recess will begin on Monday, August 2 and end on Friday, August 27. Reporting will start again after the next regular PC scheduled for September 2.



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