

MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Oslo

Tuesday 6 July 2010
9.00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 9.03 a.m. with Mr Joao SOARES (Portugal), President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. Remarks by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Joao SOARES (Portugal)

The PRESIDENT reported to the Standing Committee on his visits to the South Caucasus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey and Turkmenistan, as well as on the Trans-Asian Parliamentary Forum. He also reported on the evidence he gave to the Helsinki Commission on his visit to Washington DC.

4. Report of the Chairperson of the Rules Sub-Committee

Ms CHRISTMAS-MØLLER reported on the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Rules of Procedure. Ms CHRISTMAS-MØLLER stated that the Sub-Committee would make no recommendation at this stage, but there would be a comprehensive review of the Rules of Procedure at the Fall Meeting in Palermo. This comprehensive review will also include the rule on appointment of the Secretary General. The Sub-Committee will then present its proposals for changes to the Rules of Procedure at the next Winter Meeting.

Speaker: Mr EGLITIS (Latvia)

5. Report by the Treasurer

Mr BATTELLI (Slovenia) presented the Treasurer's report to the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr LLOYD (United Kingdom), Ms BARNETT (Germany)

Mr Spencer OLIVER, Secretary General of the OSCE PA, responded.

Speaker: Mr BILORUS (Ukraine)

Mr BATTELLI responded.

The President thanked the Treasurer.

DECISION: The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Proposed Budget for the financial year 1st October 2010 to 30th September 2011

It was announced that the Budget will be made available to the Assembly in accordance with Rule 41, paragraph 2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

6. Report by the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly) presented his report.

Speaker: Mr KANERVA (Finland)

7. Renewal of the Term of the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Speakers: Mr CARDIN (USA), Mr KOZLOVSKIY (Russia), Mr EGLITIS (Latvia), Mr VAN DEN EYNDE (Belgium), Mr DI NINO (Canada), Mr EFTHYMIU (Greece), Ms BARNETT (Germany), Mr VOISIN (France)

The PRESIDENT reminded the Committee that according to Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure, the renewal of the mandate of the Secretary General took place by a majority vote of the Standing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Standing Committee renew the appointment of Mr Spencer OLIVER as Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in accordance with Rule 40.

The motion to renew the appointment of Mr Spencer OLIVER as Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly was put to the vote.

Ayes:	41
Noes:	2
Abstentions:	3

DECISION: The Standing Committee renewed the appointment of Mr Spencer OLIVER as Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for an additional five years beginning at the end of his present term.

8. Practical and Procedural Matters for the Nineteenth Annual Session

Mr Snorre VALEN (Norway) addressed the Standing Committee and welcomed the Assembly to Norway.

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that the deadline for the nomination of Assembly Officers would be at 10 a.m. on Friday 9th July, and that the elections would be held on the morning of Saturday 10th July between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The PRESIDENT also informed the Standing Committee that if they agreed to put the supplementary item on the situation in Kyrgyzstan on the Agenda of the Plenary that afternoon, the Speakers List would close at 3.00 p.m.

The Standing Committee ratified the membership of General Committees in accordance with Rule 35(2).

Supplementary Items

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that 35 Supplementary Items had been submitted in accordance with Rule 21.

DECISION: The Standing Committee approved the inclusion of the Supplementary Items on the Assembly's agenda.

The PRESIDENT's proposal for the distribution of Supplementary Items between the General Committees and the Plenary was agreed as follows:

Plenary:

17. Kyrgyzstan

35. Strengthening the Involvement of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in the OSCE Corfu Process on Security in Europe

First General Committee on Political Affairs and Security:

1. Promoting An Atmosphere Of Trust In OSCE PA

6. Strengthening the 1999 Vienna Document Regime on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (CSBMs) Negotiations

7. Supporting the Peace Process in the Middle East
10. Nuclear Security
14. Demarcation and Delimitation of State Borders of the Sovereign States In Eastern Europe
18. Strengthening the Role, Efficiency and Impact of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
20. Moldova
23. Guantanamo
25. Fighting Terrorism, the Production and Trafficking of Narcotics and Illegal Emigration in Afghanistan
27. Future Priorities of the OSCE PA: The Next Decade
30. Inadmissibility of the Use of National Armed Forces on the Territory of Neighbouring and Contiguous States
32. UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security

Second General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment:

2. The Arctic
3. Responsibilities of participating States of the OSCE Towards Ensuring Global Energy Security
4. International Negotiations Regarding Climate Change
5. Mediterranean Co-operation
9. The Right of Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees to Return to Their Place of Origin
11. The Matching of Agricultural Production with Protection of Natural Ecosystems
13. Migration as a Continuing Challenge for the OSCE
21. Cyber Crime

24. Experts' Status in Decision-Making Processes

29. The Fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals

Third General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions:

8. The OSCE'S Commitment in Favour of Religious Freedom and the Separation between Religious Communities and the State

12. The Protection of Investigative Journalists

15. National Minorities in Inter-State Relations

16. The Prohibition of Discrimination on Grounds of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

19. Women's Rights and Reproductive Health

22. The Death Penalty

26. Partnership in Assisting Refugees

28. Not Using Hotels Which Assist the Sex Trade

31. The Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Armed Forces Personnel

33. Stepping Up the Struggle against Human Trafficking for Purposes of Sexual Exploitation in OSCE Countries

34. Combating Demand for Human Trafficking and Electronic Forms of Exploitation

9. Future OSCE PA Meetings

The PRESIDENT announced that the *Fall Meetings* would be held in *Palermo, Italy*, from 8-11 October 2010.

Speaker: Mr Riccardo MIGLIORI (Italy)

The PRESIDENT announced that the *Winter Meeting* would be held in *Vienna* on 17-18 February 2011. (**CORRECTION:** The dates of the Winter Meeting have been changed to 24-25 February 2011).

The PRESIDENT announced that the 20th Annual Session of the OSCE would be held in Belgrade, Serbia, from 6-10 July 2011.

Speaker: Ms Suzana GRUBJESIC (Serbia)

The PRESIDENT announced that invitations had been received for future years.

Speakers: Mr Jean-Charles GARDETTO (Monaco), Mr Alaattin BUYUKKAYA (Turkey), Mr Tonino PICULA (Croatia)

The Standing Committee agreed to hold its 21st Annual Session in Monaco (5-9 July, 2012).

The Standing Committee agreed to hold its 22nd Annual Session in Istanbul, Turkey (dates TBC).

The Standing Committee agreed to hold the 2011 Fall Meetings in Dubrovnik, Croatia (7-10 October, 2011).

10. Reports and Information on Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Election Observation Missions

The PRESIDENT reported on the UK elections.

Tajikistan

Ms Pia CHRISTMAS-MØLLER reported on the elections.

Forthcoming Elections:

Ms Tina SCHOEN, Deputy Secretary General, reported on the plans for election observation missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the USA and Azerbaijan.

Ad Hoc Committees

Report of the Parliamentary Group on Moldova

Ms Walburga HABSBURG DOUGLAS reported on the activities of the Committee.

Special Representatives:

Ms Kathleen FERRIER, Special Representative Migration, reported on her work.

Mr Michel VOISIN, Special Representative for Afghanistan, reported on his work.

Mr Goran LENNMARKER, Special Representative on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, reported on his work.

Mr Roberto BATTELLI, Special Representative on South East Europe, reported on his work.

Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN, Special Representative on Central Asia, reported on his work.

Ms Pia Christmas-Møller, a Vice President of the Assembly, took the Chair.

Mr Petur BLÖNDAL, Special Representative on the OSCE Budget, reported on his work.

The President resumed the Chair.

Mr Chris SMITH, Special Representative on Human Trafficking Issues, reported on his work.

11. Other Business

Ms MURADOVA (Azerbaijan) raised the question of conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Speakers: Mr SAFARYAN (Armenia), Mr LENNMARKER (Sweden)

Mr Ivor CALLELY (Ireland) praised the work of the Special Representative on Human Trafficking Issues.

12. Close of meeting

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 11:48 a.m.