

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Athens

Saturday, 10 October 2009

3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with Mr. Joao SOARES (Portugal), President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to accommodate the schedule of the OSCE Secretary General and then adopted.

3. Report of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The PRESIDENT reported to the Standing Committee on his activities on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly since the Annual Session in Vilnius and discussed upcoming activities.

4. Report by the Treasurer

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI (Slovenia) presented the Treasurer's Report to the Standing Committee, which included the Assembly's Approved Budget for 2009/2010 and the List of Contributions for the current financial year.

5. Report by the OSCE PA Secretary General

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General) presented his report to the Standing Committee.

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

Election Observation Mission to Kyrgyzstan: Mr. HOEGLUND (Norway) reported on the election observation mission in Kyrgyzstan.

Speakers: Mr. SOARES (President), Mr. ORMONOV (Kyrgyzstan).

Election Observation Mission to Moldova: Mr. EFTHYMIU (Greece) reported to the Standing Committee on the election observation mission in Moldova.

Speakers: Mr. CORUZ (Netherlands), Mr. SOARES (President).

Follow-Up Visit regarding Elections in Albania: Mr. GROSSRUCK (Austria) reported to the Standing Committee on his follow-up visit to Albania after the election observation mission.

Speakers: Mr. SOARES (President).

Upcoming Election Observation Missions: Ms. SCHOEN (Deputy Secretary General) informed the Standing Committee about the upcoming election observation mission to Ukraine and possible election observation activities in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Parliamentary Team on Moldova: The new Chair of the Parliamentary Team on Moldova, Ms. HABSBURG DOUGLAS (Sweden), informed the Standing Committee of the Team's upcoming plans.

Special Representative on Nagorno-Karabakh: Mr. Lennmarker (Sweden) reported to the Standing Committee on his current activities for this region.

Special Representative on Central Asia – Mr. Kiljunen (Finland) reported to the Standing Committee on his activities.

Speakers: Mr. CARDIN (USA), Mr. SOARES (President).

Special Representative on South East Europe: Mr. BATTELLI (Slovenia) reported on the OSCE PA's activities in this region.

Speaker: Mr. SOARES (President).

Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs: Mr. Hastings (USA) reported on his activities with regard to the Mediterranean.

Special Representative on Gender Issues: Ms. TINGSGAARD (Sweden) reported to the Standing Committee.

Mr. CORUZ (Netherlands) highlighted the absence of a Special Representative on Migration due to Ms. Solis' departure from the Assembly. He informed the President that a letter is forthcoming to the President suggesting a replacement for this position.

Speakers: Mr. SOARES (President).

7. Report on Arrangements for Upcoming OSCE PA Meetings

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee of the following upcoming meetings:

- Bureau Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in Athens, Greece in conjunction with the OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting on December 1 and 2, 2009.
- Winter Meeting on 18 and 19 February 2010 in Vienna, Austria.
- Bureau Meeting on April 18-19, 2010 in Copenhagen
- May 2009 – There will be a meeting in Astana in May 2009 organized by the Kazakh Delegation.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Session 2010 in Oslo: Mr. HOEGLUND (Norway) informed the Standing Committee about preparations for the next Annual Session (July 6-10, 2010).
- Fall Meetings, 2010: Mr. MIGLIORI (Italy) informed the Standing Committee about preparations for the next Fall Meetings in Palermo, Italy (October 8-11, 2010).

Speaker: Mr. Francesco CASCIO, President of Sicilian Regional Assembly

- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Session 2011: Ms. GRUBJESIC (Serbia), Head of the Serbian Delegation, informed the Standing Committee that Serbia would like to host the Assembly's Annual Session in 2011.

The invitation from Serbia was unanimously approved by acclaim.

- Fall Meetings 2011: The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that the Assembly received an invitation from Croatia to host the Fall Meetings in 2011 in Dubrovnik.

8. Briefing by the Secretary General of the OSCE, Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut

Mr. DE BRICHAMBAUT (Secretary General of the OSCE) briefed the Standing Committee on the status of the OSCE's Unified Budget Proposal for 2010.

Speakers: Mr. HOEGLUND (Norway), Mr. SOARES (President).

Mr. DE BRICHAMBAUT replied to questions.

The PRESIDENT adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.