

MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Palermo

Sunday 10 October 2010
2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 2:38 p.m. with Mr Petros Efthymiou (Greece), President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. Report of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Petros Efthymiou

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee, reporting on his visit to Copenhagen and the International Secretariat, his presidential visit to Poland, his address to the OSCE Review Conference, and his increased contact with Permanent Council Committees. He discussed the fact that participating States would be taking decisions on senior OSCE appointments and encouraged the OSCE to have an open and clear process.

4. Report by the Treasurer

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

The President thanked the Treasurer.

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

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

Speaker: Ms MURADOVA (Azerbaijan)

6. Briefing by the Secretary General of the OSCE, on the proposed OSCE Budget for 2011

The Secretary General of the OSCE, Mr Marc Perrin DE BRICHAMBAUT, briefed the Standing Committee on the proposed budget.

Speakers: Ms BARNETT (Germany), Mr CORUZ (Netherlands)

Mr DE BRICHAMBAUT responded.

Mr VALEN (Norway), Mr BATTELLI (Slovenia)

Mr DE BRICHAMBAUT responded.

Mr MECACCI (Italy)

Mr DE BRICHAMBAUT responded. The President thanked Mr De Brichambaut for his comprehensive briefing.

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

Ms CHRISTMAS-MØLLER reported that the Sub-Committee on the Rules of Procedure will present proposals for rule changes at the Winter Meeting in February 2011.

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

Election Observation Missions:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr BATTELLI reported on the Bosnia and Herzegovina elections.

Forthcoming Elections:

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

Ad Hoc Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Accountability in the OSCE

Mr Johannes KOSKINEN reported on the activities of the Committee.

Special Representatives:

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

9. Future OSCE PA Meetings

The President announced that the Bureau will meet on *30 November 2010* in *Astana, Kazakhstan*, in conjunction with the OSCE Summit on 1 and 2 December 2010, and that the *Winter Meeting* will take place on *24 and 25 February 2011* in *Vienna*.

Speaker: Mr SULTANOV (Kazakhstan)

The President also announced that the Bureau will meet in *Copenhagen, Denmark* in *April 2011* (exact date to be settled) and that the *20th Annual Session* will be held from *6 to 10 July 2011* in *Belgrade, Serbia*.

The *Fall Meetings* in *2011* would be held from *7 to 10 October* in *Dubrovnik, Croatia*.

Speaker: Mr PICULA (Croatia)

10. Other Business

The President commended the work of the Committee on Transparency and urged colleagues to engage with the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of their respective countries in preparation for the Astana summit.

The President paid tribute to the work of Ms Tone TINGSGAARD as Special Representative on Gender Issues and announced that he had appointed HEDY FRY to take up this important position.

11. Close of Meeting

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 4.45 pm.