



Republic of Serbia
National Assembly
Speaker

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Dear colleagues,

It gives me great honour to invite you on behalf of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia to participate in the Twentieth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, due to be held from 6 to 10 July 2011 in Belgrade.

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, as the largest regional intergovernmental organization, tasked with addressing issues of the politico-military, economic, environmental and human dimension of security, is of vital importance for the time that is to come. By supporting stability, process of democratization, sharing of universal values and reforms in the field of the rule of law, media and minority rights in the world, OSCE is significantly contributing to observance of human rights, promotion of democracy and arms control, fight against terrorism, organized crime and corruption. Over the past twenty years, the role of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and its 320 parliamentarians has been aimed at furthering and protecting these values through maintaining interparliamentary dialogue as an important aspect in effective and comprehensive promotion of security and representational democracy from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we, the OSCE parliamentarians, provide support for the more effective engagement of our organization. The main subject of this year's session is "Strengthening the OSCE's Effectiveness and Efficiency – A new start after the Astana Summit", and I believe that it will be inspirational and thought provoking enough to encourage effective debates in Belgrade, and thus facilitate further improvement of the functioning of our organization.

I also hope that you will use the time in Belgrade to get acquainted with the culture and tradition of our country and that you will have the opportunity to experience our warm hospitality and the cosmopolitan spirit of Belgrade.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Belgrade.

Yours sincerely,

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