

The Secretary General

Heads of OSCE PA Delegations Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

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Dear Heads of Delegations, Dear Secretaries of Delegation,

I would like to thank all of you for your contribution to a very successful OSCE PA Annual Session in Belgrade last week. The Belgrade Document includes many concrete recommendations on which we can base our work in the coming year. The document is already available on our webpage: www.oscepa.org and I will be circulating it later in the week to all national delegations and foreign ministries as well as to the governmental branch of the OSCE.

I realize that several participating Parliaments face economic restrictions because of the financial crisis that has hit most of the OSCE area. Therefore, in order to help the planning, I want to remind you of the calendar of the Assembly's events. We have three statutory meetings every year, the Annual Session in July, the Fall Meetings in September/October and the Winter Meeting in February. The Standing Committee meets in conjunction with each of these three statutory meetings. In addition, the Bureau meets in December in conjunction with the OSCE Ministerial Council and in April/May to plan the Annual Session.

I would also like to inform you that, as President Efthymiou announced in the closing Plenary in Belgrade, we will have an Economic Conference in Georgia in the spring of 2012. We will of course also continue our election observation missions. And, of course, the work of various ad hoc committees and special representatives will also be a part of the Assembly's program in the coming year.

I hope that you will continue to actively participate in all aspects of the Assembly's work. I wish all of you a good summer.

Yours sincerely,

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