

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

Permanent Council Brief Weeks 42/43, 2011

During these weeks, meetings of the PC, the FSC, and the ACMF, took place.

There were also an Economic and Environmental Implementation Meeting (PA member Lazar Prodanovic, MP Bosnia and Herzegovina, participated), an ODIHR-Chairmanship Conference "Confronting Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims in Public Discourse" (PA represented by Chairman PA 3rd Committee Matteo Mecacci, MP Italy; Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene, leader of the Lithuanian PA Delegation, also participated), and an "IPI Workshop" in the framework of the "V to V Dialogue" "Changes in the Arab World: Toward a Mediterranean Helsinki-Type Process?", which I briefed on the PA's work with the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation.

The PC did not take any decisions. I briefed the PC about the PA observation of the Tunisian elections and – referring to the statement of President Efthymiou – reiterated the PA's condolences to Turkey for the recent earthquake. The US Delegation commended the PA for its election observation in Tunisia. In my absence, Marc Carillet briefed the PC on the status of the PA election observation in Russia and other ongoing election observation activities. The Head of Mission in Moldova underlined the PA's role in that country.

The ACMF is currently discussing the draft Unified Budget for 2012. Discussions about possible draft decisions for Vilnius have not yet moved out of small informal gatherings.

Several delegations have already inquired about next week's PC address by PA President Efthymiou.



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