



Le Président

Monaco, 14th February 2012

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *National Council*, the Parliament of the Principality of Monaco, I have the honour of inviting you to take part in the 21st Annual Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), to be held in Monaco from 5th to 9th July 2012.

The OSCE has historically played a leading role in strengthening dialogue and mutual understanding during periods of tension and conflict that may have affected the member States of our intergovernmental organisation, from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

Today, in a world that is constantly changing and marked by the resurgence of political, democratic, economic, migratory and environmental tension, the OSCE remains an essential forum for debate and a key player on the international scene, thanks to the experience it has acquired over a long period, especially in the areas of preventing conflict and supporting democracy.

This 21st Annual Session will therefore have the general theme of "*The OSCE: A Region of Change*." It will allow us, as Parliamentarians, to discuss the OSCE's agenda, as well as problems that affect our member States. I am sure that our discussions in Monaco will once again prove very fruitful and constructive.

I also hope that, during your stay, you will be able to discover the real face of Monaco, with its extraordinary history, its openness towards the world and its entrepreneurial, charitable, artistic and creative dynamism, all of which contribute to the real wealth of the Principality.

I look forward to having the pleasure of welcoming you to Monaco in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-François ROBILLON