

MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Belgrade

Wednesday 6 July 2011  
9.00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was opened at 9.08 a.m. with Mr Petros EFTHYMIU (Greece) President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. **Remarks by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Petros Efthymiou (Greece)**

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee, reporting on his dialogue with the Lithuanian Chairmanship on matters such as the employment of the International Peace Institute and the appointment of the OSCE Secretary General, his lecture tour of U.S. universities and visits to areas of protracted conflicts, and his contacts with other international Parliamentary bodies.

4. **Report by the Treasurer**

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

Speaker: Mr DI NINO (Canada)

Mr BATTELLI and Mr Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General of the OSCE PA) responded.

Speaker: Mr DI NINO (Canada), Mr GROSSRUCK (Austria), Ms BARNETT (Germany)

Mr BATELLI responded.

The President thanked the Treasurer.

**DECISION: The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Budget for the financial year 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012.**

The Budget will be made available to the Assembly in accordance with paragraph 2 of Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure.

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

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

**6. Practical and Procedural Matters for the Twentieth Annual Session**

Mr Gustavo PALLARES (Deputy Secretary General of the Assembly) outlined the practical and procedural arrangements, in particular that the deadline for the nomination of Assembly officers would be at 10 a.m. on Saturday 9 July, and that the elections would be held on the morning of Sunday 10 July between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**1. *General Committees***

The Standing Committee ratified the membership of General Committees in accordance with Rule 36(2).

**2. *Supplementary Items***

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that 26 Supplementary Items had been submitted in accordance with Rule 21 and 163 valid amendments had been received. The proposed distribution between Committees had been circulated. The PRESIDENT reminded the Standing Committee that under the Rules of Procedure, a majority of two-thirds was required to add an item to the agenda, and a simple majority was required on questions of allocation.

**Speakers:** Mr GUMINSKY (Belarus), Sir Peter BOTTOMLEY (United Kingdom), Mr MIGLIORI (Italy), Mr POMAJDA (Poland), Mr KOZLOVSKIY (Russian Federation), Mr CORUZ (Netherlands), Mr HARSTEDT (Sweden), Ms AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan), Ms ZAPF (Germany), Ms FAESSLER-OSTERWALDER (Switzerland).

**DECISION: The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following items to the agenda, and their allocation as shown:**

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION THAT LEAD TO TERRORISM (Mr. Coruz, Netherlands)	1st
MEDITERRANEAN POLITICAL TRANSITION (Mr. Cardin, USA)	1st
STRENGTHENING EFFORTS TO COMBAT RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND FOSTER INCLUSION (Ms. Ferrier, Netherlands)	3rd
OVERALL APPROACH BY THE OSCE TO PROMOTE CYBERSECURITY (Mr. De Donnea, Belgium)	2nd
COMBAT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN HUMAN ORGANS (Ms. Grubjesic, Serbia)	3rd
THE CO-ORDINATION OF MIGRATION POLICY IN THE OSCE (Ms. Ferrier, Netherlands)	2nd
UTILIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AS A TOOL AGAINST MALNUTRITION, HUNGER AND UNCONTROLLED MIGRATION (Mr. Harutyunyan, Armenia)	2nd

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether to add the item on Belarus to the Agenda.

Ayes: 33  
Noes: 4

The Supplementary Item was added to the Agenda.

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether the item on Belarus should be taken in the Plenary.

Ayes: 34  
Noes: 5

The Standing Committee added the item to the Plenary Agenda.

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following item to the agenda, and its allocation as shown:

MOLDOVA (Ms. Habsburg Douglas, Sweden)	1st
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The Standing Committee unanimously approved the addition of the supplementary item on Women's Representation at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to the Agenda.

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether the item should be taken in the plenary.

Ayes: 25  
Noes: 1

The Standing Committee added the item to the Plenary Agenda.

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following items to the agenda, and their allocation as shown:

INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTIONS (Mr. Smith, USA)	3rd
COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (Mr. Migliori, Italy)	Plenary
COMBATING LABOR TRAFFICKING IN SUPPLY CHAINS (Mr. Smith, USA)	2nd
NATIONAL MINORITIES (Mr. Migliori, Italy)	1st
COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN THE OSCE AREA (Ms. Habsburg Douglas, Sweden)	3rd
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (Mr. Guminsky, Belarus)	Plenary

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether to add the item on Protection from Asbestos Contamination to the Agenda.

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 8

The Supplementary Item was NOT added to the Agenda.

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following items to the agenda, and their allocation as shown:

ENLARGING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NON MEMBER MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO INCLUDE THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND LEBANON (Ms. Arena, Belgium)	1st
PROMOTING POLICIES IN FAVOUR OF THE ROMA POPULATION (Ms. Lopez, Spain)	3rd

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY POLICIES AMONG ROMA WOMEN AND MEN (Ms. Lopez, Spain)	3rd
FREE MOVEMENT OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE (Mr. Juri, Slovenia)	2nd

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the supplementary item on the Work of the Committee on the Human Dimension of the Permanent Council of the OSCE to the Agenda and its allocation to the Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, rather than the Committee on Political Affairs and Security, as originally proposed.

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following items to the agenda, and their allocation as shown:

WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAMMES – A CHALLENGE TO JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION (Mr. Gardetto, Monaco)	3rd
COMBATING CRIMES CAUSING SERIOUS SOCIAL ALARM (Mr. D’Amico, Italy)	3rd
GENDER, MIGRATION AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE (Ms. Fry, Canada)	2nd
NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Ms. Abramikiene, Lithuania)	2nd

## **7. Reports and Information on Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

### ***Election Observation Missions***

#### ***Kazakhstan***

Mr Tonino PICULA (Croatia) reported on the elections.

Speakers: Mr AKHMETOV (Kazakhstan), Mr KOZLOVSKIY (Russian Federation), Mr CORUZ (Netherlands), Mr GUMINSKY (Belarus), Sir Peter BOTTOMLEY (United Kingdom)

#### ***Turkey***

Ms Pia CHRISTMAS-MOELLER (Denmark) reported on the elections.

*Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

Mr Roberto BATTELLI reported on the elections.

Speaker: Mr KOZLOVSKIY (Russian Federation)

*Informal Group on Election Observation*

Mr Francois-Xavier DE DONNEA (Belgium) reported on the group's work.

Speaker: Sir Peter BOTTOMLEY (United Kingdom)

***Forthcoming Elections:***

Ms Tina SCHOEN, Deputy Secretary General, reported on the plans for election observation missions in Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation.

Speaker: Mr MECACCI (Italy)

**Ad Hoc Committees**

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Belarus

Ms Uta ZAPF (Germany) reported on the activities of the Group.

Speakers: Mr GUMINSKY (Belarus), Mr BILORUS (Ukraine), Mr SAFARYAN (Armenia), Ms ALEKNAITE-ABRAMKIENE (Lithuania), Mr SHEVCHUK (Ukraine)

Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Accountability in the OSCE

Mr Johannes KOSKINEN (Finland) reported on the activities of the Committee.

Report of the Parliamentary Group on Moldova

Mr Francois-Xavier DE DONNEA reported on the activities of the Group.

**Special Representatives**

Ms Kathleen FERRIER (Netherlands), Special Representative on Migration, reported on her work.

Mr Michel VOISIN (France), Special Representative for Afghanistan, reported on his work.

Speaker: Mr Consiglio DI NINO (Canada)

Mr Petur BLÖNDAL (Iceland), Special Representative on the OSCE Budget, reported on his work.

Mr Roberto BATTELLI, Special Representative on South East Europe, reported on his work.

The PRESIDENT expressed his thanks to Kimmo KILJUNEN (Finland), former Member of the Assembly and Special Representative on Central Asia.

Mr KILJUNEN addressed the Standing Committee.

**8. Other Business**

Ms MURADOVA (Azerbaijan) thanked Mr Kiljunen for his work, and raised the question of a special representative on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

**9. Close of Meeting**

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 12.09 p.m.