

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During these two weeks, there were meetings of the PC and its subsidiary bodies. Also, there was a two-day Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on Democratic Elections and Election Observation and a first meeting under the title "Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security" (FSC). The core office staff participated in the Annual Session in Monaco; Roberto Montella also attended the Regional Meeting of Heads of Field Operation in South Eastern Europe in Pristina.

The PC approved the Decision on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the Year 2011 and the Report of the External Auditor (the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine). While the chair of the Audit Committee repeated the critical remarks contained in the committee's report (I reported in my last PC Brief), the External Auditor and the PC delegations were relatively satisfied with the situation. Due to a high number of Current Issues on the Agenda (five in the first meeting, seven in the second, among them the anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre and the right-wing terrorist group discovered in Germany), the second meeting of the PC had to be continued the following Monday. I announced an informal briefing on the outcome of the Monaco Annual Session to take place on July 25, and a subsequent statement in the PC on the same issue. I have also been requested to brief the Mediterranean Contact Group on the PA's Mediterranean Forum.

Vice President Grossruck as leader of the PA delegation and the Chair of the PA's Human Dimension Committee Mecacci as an introducer in Working Session 2 of the SHDM spoke in the meeting on elections and election observation. The PA's website contains a report on their participation in this meeting.

The Chairmanship has tabled a draft decision on Mongolia becoming a new participating State of the OSCE. Also, the OSCE Secretary General's report on the Conflict Cycle has been circulated. It makes positive reference to the respective non-paper on possible contributions by the OSCE PA and parliamentarians that the Conflict Prevention Center had circulated at an earlier stage.



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