

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During this week, meetings of the PC (one jointly with the Forum for Security Cooperation - FSC), an additional one of the FSC, the Contact Group with the Asian Partners, the Human Dimension Committee and the ACMF took place, as well as a Workshop on Public-Private Partnership on Enhancing Tourism Security and other informal meetings.

The main item on the PC agenda was the regular report from the Head of the Mission in Albania. All participating States expressed their hope that the different political camps in the country would cooperate in the future within constitutional institutions. The traditional agenda item "Current Issues" was devoted to the remembrance of the events of 9/11. Also in this context, there was a special event organized by the Representative on the Freedom of the Media, together with associations of journalists, the EU Commission and UNESCO, and the Expert Workshop mentioned above.

The joint PC/FSC meeting was devoted to an address by the new Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva and UN Under-Secretary General Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the former PA Vice President. It was preceded by an FSC Meeting, during which the Kazakh Defense Minister Adilbek Zhaksybekov opened the Kazakh FSC Chairmanship. In their statements, most delegations expressed relative satisfaction with the current process dealing with the revision of the Vienna Document, despite the fact that a number of decisions still need to be made.

The Human Dimension Committee held its first meeting after the Summer Recess, with a number of routine agenda items. The delegations of Russia and Belarus expressed their discontent with the decision of the chair to have first discussions on draft Ministerial Council decisions in small informal working groups. In fact, when the three PC committees which deal with the three OSCE dimensions were created, the principal supporting argument had been that they would help reduce the growing number of informal bodies. With all three committees now establishing numerous drafting groups, smaller delegations will be deprived of the chance to participate in all of them. In addition, it adds to the bureaucratization of the work of the PC.

Upon request by the Russian Ambassador, we discussed issues pertaining to the planned Election Observation in that country, to which no formal invitation has yet been issued. Such an invitation is expected following consultations by ODIHR Director Lenarcic in Moscow next week. I also had an opportunity to discuss the upcoming PA election observation in Tunisia with their newly arrived ambassador.



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