

**MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

Tirana

Saturday 06 October 2012

2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. with Mr Riccardo MIGLIORI (Italy), President of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted

3. Report by the President, Mr Riccardo Migliori (Italy)

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee on his recent and future activities.

4. Report by the Treasurer

Mr Roberto BATTELLI (Slovenia) presented the Treasurer's Report to the Standing Committee. Mr BATTELLI informed the Standing Committee he would report on the audit of the Assembly's 20th financial year at the Bureau Meeting in Dublin on December 5, 2012, and to the Standing Committee in Vienna in February 2013.

Speakers: Ms BARNETT (Germany)

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

Mr Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General of the OSCE PA) presented his report. This included brief reports from Mr Neil SIMON (Director of Communications for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly) and Ambassador Andreas NOTHELLE (Special Representative)

Speakers: Mr SMALING (Netherlands), Ms POZUELO (Spain), Ms BARNETT (Germany), Mr GROSSRUCK (Austria), Mr MIGLIORI (President), Ambassador ZANNIER (OSCE Secretary General), Mr BATTELLI (Slovenia), Mr KANERVA (Finland), Ms EGRSZEGI-OBRIIST (Switzerland)

6. **Briefing by the OSCE Secretary General, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, on the Proposed OSCE Budget for 2013**

Ambassador ZANNIER (OSCE Secretary General) gave a presentation on the Proposed OSCE Budget for 2013.

Speakers: Mr KOSKINEN (Finland), Mr BLONDAL (Iceland), Mr MIGLIORI (President)

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

6.1 **Election Observation Missions**

Parliamentary Elections in Belarus (September 23, 2012)

Ambassador NOTHELLE (Special Representative) reported to the Standing Committee on this election observation mission.

Parliamentary Elections in Georgia (October 1, 2012)

Ms SCHOEN (Deputy Secretary of the OSCE PA) reported to the Standing Committee on this mission.

6.2 **Ad Hoc Committees**

Ad Hoc Working Group on Belarus

Ms ZAPF (Germany) reported on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Belarus.

Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Accountability in the OSCE

Mr KOSKINEN (Finland) presented his report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Accountability in the OSCE

6.3 **Special Representatives**

Special Representative on South Caucasus

Mr SOARES (Portugal) presented his report to the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr GEGHAMYAN (Armenia)

Special Representative on the OSCE Budget

Mr BLONDAL (Iceland) presented his report to the Standing Committee.

Special Representative on South East Europe

Mr BATTELLI (Slovenia) presented his report to the Standing Committee.

8. Reports and Information on Future Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

8.1 Future Election Observation Missions

Ms SCHOEN (Deputy Secretary General of the OSCE PA) reported to the Standing Committee on preparations for the following upcoming election observation missions:

Parliamentary Elections in Montenegro (October 14, 2012)

Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine (October 28, 2012)

Presidential and Congressional Elections in the U.S.A. (November 6, 2012)

Ms SCHOEN (Deputy Secretary General of the OSCE PA) also spoke about the possible election observation mission to *Romania (December 9, 2012)*.

Speakers: Mr MIGLIORI (President), Mr NERI (France)

9. Future Meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The PRESIDENT advised that the Standing Committee had information on future meetings of the OSCE PA:

- *Meeting of the **Bureau** on 5 December 2012 in Dublin, Ireland (in conjunction with the OSCE Ministerial Council on 6 and 7 December 2012).*
- ***Winter Meeting** on 21 and 22 February 2013 in Vienna, Austria (meeting of the Standing Committee, joint and individual meetings of the three General Committees)*
- *Meeting of the **Bureau** in April 2013 in Copenhagen, Denmark (exact date TBC)*
- *22nd Annual Session from 29 June to 3 July 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey*
- *Fall Meetings 2013 (location and dates TBC)*

9. **Any Other Business**

The PRESIDENT introduced a Question of Urgency to the Standing Committee:

Resolution on **The Developments of Turkish-Syrian Border** by Mr ONEN (Turkey)

Mr ONEN (Turkey) presented the resolution to the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr GEGHAMYAN (Armenia), Mr COMPAGNA (Italy), Mr NERI (France), Mr GROSSRUCK (Austria), Mr VORIDIS (Greece), Mr KOVALEV (Russian Federation), Mr MIGLIORI (President)

Mr MONTELLA (Director of Presidential Administration) read out the resolution.

Speakers: Mr GEGHAMYAN (Armenia)

The Resolution was agreed on.

10. **Close of Meeting**

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.