

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During this week, there were meetings of the Permanent Council (PC), the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC), the ambassadorial Working Group on Helsinki+40, the Working Group on Cyber Security, Committee Meetings and the Austria-hosted Council of Europe-OSCE Conference 'Not for Sale – Joining Forces against Trafficking in Human Beings'.

The PC was addressed by the UN High Commissioner on Refugees Antonio Guterres, followed by a debate about refugee problems in general and Syrian refugee crisis in particular. It also discussed, among other "Current Issues", the situation in Ukraine. The Chairmanship has appointed Tim Guldemann as Special Representative for Ukraine. During the latter debate, I referred to the Press Release by PA President Krivokapic, and later I briefly reported on the PA Winter Meeting. The FSC had a discussion with the Deputy Foreign Minister of Libya about 'Illicit trafficking of Armaments in the Mediterranean Region'. Many delegates then spoke in favor of Libya's request to be accepted as a Mediterranean Partner for Cooperation, while Russia continued to express serious doubts. The Maltese FSC Chairmanship reported on this to the PC, asking it to treat Libya's request as a matter of urgency.

There is still no agreement on the 2014 draft Budget. The Chairmanship has announced the composition of the group of Friends that will support it in its consultations with participating States on the successor for ODIHR Director Lenarcic. It consists of the ambassadors of Armenia, Liechtenstein and Poland. Thus, the Chairmanship has not accepted the PA President's request to include the PA in this group.

I (and the News from Copenhagen) have already reported about my statement in the Security Committee regarding the DCAF-study. In the meeting of the Working Group on Helsinki+40 the Chairmanship and the eight Coordinators presented their Work Program. Four of the Coordinators (Ireland, Finland, Austria, Turkey) referred - some extensively - to the need for cooperation with the PA, and their meetings with PA representatives to that end. I presented the PA's Helsinki+40 project. The Chairman of the PC, Amb. Greminger, praised the PA for its ambitious project that, according to him, will contribute greatly to the process.

The Working Group on Cyber Security consisted of a four-hour brainstorming session about technical measures that could be taken in order to implement the voluntary "Initial Set of Confidence Building Measures" agreed upon last year.

The Conference on Trafficking discussed the evolution of this crime and the possibilities of how to best address it. The intention was to incorporate the expertise of non-governmental organizations in this debate and produce a joint Council of Europe/OSCE draft action plan.



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