

MINUTES
OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
WINTER MEETING
STANDING COMMITTEE
Vienna
Friday 14 February 2014
9.00 AM

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 9.12 am with the President, Mr. Ranko KRIVOKAPIC (Montenegro), in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The draft Agenda was adopted.

3. Report by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Ranko KRIVOKAPIC addressed the Committee.

Speakers: Mr. Artashes GEGHAMYAN (Armenia), Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General) responded.

Speaker: Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan).

The PRESIDENT responded.

Speaker: Mr. Alain NERI (France).

The PRESIDENT responded.

Speaker: Mr. Sofoclis FITTIS (Cyprus).

The PRESIDENT responded.

Speakers: Ms. Doris BARNETT (Germany), Mr. Ghislain MALTAIS (Canada).

4. Report of the Treasurer of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI (Treasurer) presented the audited accounts of the Assembly for the financial year 2012–2013 to the Standing Committee.

Speaker: Mr. Alain NERI (France).

Mr. BATTELLI responded.

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

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General) made his report to the Committee.

Speaker: Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

The PRESIDENT responded.

6. Approval of the Appointment by the Secretary General of the New Deputy Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General) addressed the Standing Committee.

Speaker: Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

Mr. OLIVER responded.

Speaker: Ms. Walburga HABSBURG DOUGLAS (Sweden).

Mr. OLIVER responded.

Speakers: Mr. Peter Juel JENSEN (Denmark); Mr. Oleg ZARUBINSKYI (Ukraine); Ms. Rosa AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan); Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan); Mr. Luigi COMPAGNA (Italy); Mr. Sofoclis FITTIS (Cyprus); Mr. Emin ONEN (Turkey).

The Standing Committee overwhelmingly confirmed the appointment of Semyon Dzakhaev as Deputy Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, with no negative votes and three abstentions.

7. Other Reports

a. Reports on Election Observation Activities

Tajikistan, 6 November 2013: Ms. Gordana COMIC (Serbia), Special Co-ordinator, Leader of the short term OSCE observer mission, addressed the Committee.

Turkmenistan, 15 December 2013: Mr. Adao SILVA (Portugal) addressed the Committee.

The PRESIDENT informed the Committee that he had decided to deploy observation missions to the elections in Serbia on 16 March and in Hungary on 6 April.

Ms. Ana PAVOLSKA-DANEVA (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) invited the Assembly to observe the forthcoming presidential elections in FYROM.

b. Reports on the Activities of the Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Reform of the OSCE: Mr. François-Xavier de DONNEA (Belgium) addressed the Committee.

Parliamentary Team on Moldova: Ms. Walburga HABSBURG DOUGLAS (Sweden) addressed the Committee.

Speaker: Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation).

c. Reports on the Activities of the Special Representatives

Special Representative on Border Cooperation: Mr. Ignacio SANCHEZ-AMOR (Spain) addressed the Committee.

Speakers: Mr. George TSERETELI (Georgia); Ms. Dijana VUKOMANOVIC (Serbia).

Special Representative on Afghanistan: Mr. Michel VOISIN (France) addressed the Committee.

Special Representative on South East Europe: Mr. Roberto BATELLI (Slovenia) addressed the Committee.

Special Representative on Central Asia: Mr. Thierry MARIANI (France) addressed the Committee.

Special Representative on the OSCE Budget: Mr. Petur BLONDAL (Iceland) addressed the Committee.

Speaker: Mr. Alain NERI (France).

The PRESIDENT responded.

8. Reports on Preparations for Future OSCE PA Meetings

Twenty-third Annual Session, Baku, Azerbaijan:

Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan) addressed the Committee.

Speaker: Mr. Artashes GEGHAMYAN (Armenia).

The PRESIDENT responded.

Speakers: Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan); Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation); Ms. Doris BARNETT (Germany).

Autumn Meeting, 3–5 October 2014, Geneva, Switzerland:

Mr. Andreas AEBI (Switzerland) addressed the Committee.

Autumn Meeting 2015:

Ms. Migeedorj BATCHIMEG (Mongolia) addressed the Committee and invited the Assembly to hold the 2015 Autumn Meeting in Mongolia.

9. Any Other Business

Ms. Isabel POZUELO (Spain) addressed the Committee.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12.01 pm.