



The President

Members of the Standing Committee
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Copenhagen, 13 March 2015

Dear colleagues,

I attach for your information the vacancy notice for the selection of the next Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. The notice is modeled on the normal OSCE format and is in conformity with the OSCE PA's Rules of Procedure. You may distribute it to your delegations as well as post it on your website or bulletin board. It has also been posted on the OSCE PA's website for access by the public.

The Advisory Group approved at the Bureau Meeting in Basel has worked very hard and intensively and has unanimously agreed on the format, content and procedures outlined in the vacancy notice. We have drawn on the experience of both the OSCE's governmental side and the requirements of other international parliamentary assemblies.

The Advisory Group, assisted by the International Secretariat, will review applications prior to the Bureau meeting with an eye toward compiling an analysis and a short list to be considered by the Bureau at its meeting in Copenhagen next month. All applications will be available to the Bureau members prior to the meeting of the Bureau on April 27.

Preparations for the Annual Session in Helsinki are going well, and I look forward to seeing all of you there this summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ilkka Kanerva'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'I'.

Ilkka Kanerva
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