





Mr. Peter Juel Jensen and All Members of the Delegation of Denmark to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Copenhagen DENMARK

Copenhagen, 20 March 2015

Dear Mr. Jensen,

Ahead of the 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act in 2015, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly is organizing a series of seminars that will lead to a final Colloquium. This Helsinki +40 Project provides a crucial opportunity to reflect on what the OSCE has accomplished as an organization and identify where reform is urgently needed, especially in light of current events, for it to stay relevant and effective. Additional information on the Project can be found on the OSCE PA's Helsinki +40 Colloquium Page at: http://www.oscepa.org/parliamentary-diplomacy/helsinki40.

On the margins of the OSCE PA Bureau meeting, taking place on 27 April 2015 in Copenhagen, a supplementary Helsinki +40 Seminar will be organized from 16:15 to 19:15. We would like to warmly thank you for supporting this project.

The seminar will feature a keynote presentation by Amb. John Bernhard, Special Advisor of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Legal Framework. We hope that you as well as the other members of the Danish delegation will be able to attend.

The seminar will focus on the implications which the Organization's lack of legal personality has for the OSCE, in particular in Ukraine. The working language of the event will be English. A draft programme is attached.

We would greatly appreciate your reply by Friday, 27 March 2015 to Ms. Farimah Daftary (farimah@oscepa.dk) at the OSCE PA International Secretariat.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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