

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

PC Brief Week 22, 2015

This week, which was a week with an OSCE holiday, there were two meetings of the Permanent Council (PC), as well as meetings of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC), the Preparatory Committee (PrepComm), the Security and the Economic and Environmental Committees, and additional informal meetings. Roberto Montella and I participated in the PA 6th Helsinki+40 Seminar in Belgrade.

The PC did not take a decision. The Special PC was addressed by Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the peace plan in the East of Ukraine. The one hour-meeting did not result in any interesting information or debates. At the regular PC meeting, the heads of both the OSCE field missions in Ashgabat and Bosnia and Herzegovina provided their regular reports. The US welcomed the increased involvement of the OSCE PA in Turkmenistan, as well as increased involvement of Turkmen parliamentarians in the work of the OSCE PA. The head of the mission, Ambassador Petrov, noted the work of the Mission in establishing a permanent delegation to the OSCE PA. Under Current issues, most debates were a repetition of debates during previous meetings. In addition, the EU raised the issue of the new Russian law against "non-desirable" non-governmental organizations. Denmark informed the PC that it sent invitations to ODHIR and the OSCE PA to observe its parliamentary elections on June 18.

The FSC equally did not adopt a decision. It featured an edition of security dialogue on furthering synergies and coordination between the OSCE and UN on conventional arms transfers. General statements contained the usual debates on Ukraine, with both Ukraine and the Russian Federation providing slide presentations. Ukraine showed photos alleging evidence of Russian military equipment in Eastern Ukraine, and Russia showed slides of every item of military equipment sold to Ukraine by Western countries.

The PrepComm continues to debate the "Program Outline". The delegate from the U.S. asked for further cuts in the budgets of several missions in South Europe, in particular regarding the Mission to Kosovo.

Marc Carillet briefed staff of the OSCE Secretariat on the OSCE PA.



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