

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

PC Brief Week 46, 2014

During this week, there were meetings of the Permanent Council (PC) and of the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC), a Security Day on Arms Control and Confidence and Security Building Measures (CSBMs), meetings of the Preparatory Committee (PrepComm), the Security Committee, the Human Dimension Committee, as well as many meetings of informal working groups. There were also the "Hour with the Secretary General" and bilateral meetings between visiting PA President Kanerva and Permanent Representatives, as well as an official Chairmanship luncheon.

President Kanerva delivered the traditional address of the PA President to the Permanent Council, as reflected in the OSCE PA's Press Release. The EU, on behalf of the 28 member states of the EU and of ten countries that aligned themselves with the statement (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and San Marino) replied, as well as the (acting) Permanent Representatives of the USA, Russia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Mongolia, Serbia and Turkey. All speakers underlined the important role played by the Parliamentary Assembly, stressed its crucial role as a forum for dialogue and awareness-raising and valued its role in election-observation. In response, the President underlined the importance of full implementation of the Minsk protocols and the need for the ODIHR to comply with the 1997 Cooperation Agreement by ensuring a full and early flow of information and early co-operation between both OSCE institutions on the preliminary post-election statement. Through the course of the day, the President had bilateral talks with the ambassadors of Switzerland, Serbia, Ukraine, Germany, Russia and Turkey, in addition to the discussions at the official luncheon.

The PC also debated the report by the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Process and the Chairman-in-Office's Personal Representative for the conflict dealt with by this process, and had the usual controversies about the situation in Ukraine. On the sidelines it became known that the "unarmed aerial vehicles" (UAVs), commonly known as drones, that have been supplied to the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) have been grounded for security reasons, mainly because the radio-transmission that ensures their operation has been jammed. Also, the SMM is still lacking sufficient funds – altogether approximately 10 million Euros. Since the mandate of the Border Observation Mission, which is observing on Russian territory, is too limited to ensure effective observation (and it will also need to be extended after November 23), the SMM should also take over the task of observing the border (from the Ukrainian side). On November 12, the SMM circulated a concept paper on this.

So far, participating States have not yet reached consensus on the chairmanships for 2016 and 2017 (Germany and Austria).

I reminded participants at the Security Day of the PA's Baku Declaration and briefed them on the substantial points made therein on conventional arms control and security-building measures. Also, in the Open-Ended Working Group on the Conflict Cycle, I once more explained the possible role of the Parliamentary Assembly and its members in Early Warning and Mediation. My statement was supported by several delegations. Secretary General Zannier drew the attention of delegations to the fact that the activities regarding the crisis in Ukraine had led to an almost 40% increase in meetings, with budgetary consequences through additional costs for interpretation and equipment.



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Ambassador, November 14, 2014

LIST OF potential DRAFT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DOCUMENTS FOR BASEL

- **1st Dimension**
 - DECLARATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OWNERSHIP PROCESS REGARDING THE DAYTON PEACE AGREEMENT ARTICLE IV - ANNEX 1B (MC.DD/14/14)
 - DECLARATION ON THE OSCE ROLE IN COUNTERING KIDNAPPING AND HOSTAGE TAKING COMMITTED BY TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE CONTEXT OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2133 (2014) (MC.DD/9/14/rev.1)
 - DECLARATION ON THE OSCE ROLE IN COUNTERING THE PHENOMENON OF FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS IN THE CONTEXT OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 2170 (2014) AND 2178 (2014) (MC.DD/8/14/rev.1)
 - DRAFT DECISION ON FURTHER STRENGTHENING MEDIATION AND DIALOGUE FACILITATION IN THE OSCE (CIO.GAL/190/14)
 - FSC.DEC/0001/14 - Change of Date for the Global Exchange of Military Information for 2014
 - FSC.DEC/0002/14 - Agenda, Timetable and Modalities for the 3rd Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security
 - FSC.DEC/0003/14 - Voluntary Guidelines for Compiling National Reports on SALW Exports From/Imports to Other Participating States During the Previous Calendar Year
 - FSC.DEC/0005/14 - Implementation Assessment in Respect of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition
 - FSC.DEL/150/14/Rev.4 - Proposal for FSC DD on enabling the provision of assistance to OSCE Partners using procedures outlined in the OSCE SALW and SCA documents
 - FSC.DEL/143/14/rev.2 - Proposal for DD on voluntary criteria on re-export controls for SALW

- **2nd Dimension**
 - DECISION ON ENHANCING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (MC.DD/5/14/rev.1)
 - DECISION ON PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION (MC.DD/10/14)
 - DRAFT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECLARATION ON SECURITY IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE OSCE REGION (EU Proposal, PC.DEL/1339/14)

- **3rd Dimension**
 - DECISION ON THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE DECISION ON THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT (MC.DD/03/14/rev.1)
 - MC DD on reform of HDIM (standing agenda, meeting in May) – TBC
 - Freedom of Media/Protection of journalists - TBC

- **Partners**
 - WELCOMING LIBYA AS A PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION
 - DECLARATION ON THE CO-OPERATION WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION (MC.DD/11/14)
 - DECLARATION ON THE CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION (MC.DD/12/14)

- **Other, Cross-Dimensional Issues**
 - POLITICAL DECLARATION (not yet circulated)
 - DECLARATIONS ON THE PROTRACTED CONFLICTS IN THE OSCE AREA (not yet circulated)
 - DECLARATION ON HELSINKI +40 (not yet circulated)
 - DECISION ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE GENDER ACTION PLAN (PC.DD/23/14/rev.2)
 - OSCE PRESENCE IN MONGOLIA
 - DECLARATION ON INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE WORK OF THE OSCE (MC.DD/04/14/rev.1)
 - DECLARATION ON A YOUTH ACTION PLAN (CIO.GAL/159/14)
 - OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP IN THE YEARS 2016 AND 2017 (MC.DD/13/14 Germany and Austria)