

MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Helsinki

Sunday 5 July 2015  
2.00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was opened at 2.10 pm with Mr. Ilkka KANERVA (Finland), President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**3. Report of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr. Hans FRANKEN (Netherlands), Ms. Doris BARNETT (Germany), Ms. Christine MUTTONEN (Austria), Mr. Artashes GEGHAMYAN (Armenia), Mr. Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden), Mr. Thierry MARIANI (France), Mr. Alain NERI (France), Mr. Artur GERASYMOV (Ukraine), Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom), Mr. Viktor GUMINSKY (Belarus), Ms. Roza AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan), Mr. Paolo ROMANI (Italy), Mr. Andreas AEBI (Switzerland), Ms. Miggendorj BATCHIMEG (Mongolia), Mr. Edvins SNORE (Latvia), Mr. Sofoclis FITTIS (Cyprus), Ms. Nilza SENA (Portugal), Ms. Isabel POZUELO (Spain), Mr. George TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation).

**4. Report by the Treasurer**

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI (Slovenia) presented the Treasurer's Report to the Standing Committee.

Speaker: Mr. Michel VOISIN (France).

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly) replied.

Speakers: Mr. Vladimir GJORCEV (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

Mr. BATTELLI replied.

**DECISION:** The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Budget for the financial year 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016.

The Budget would be made available to the Assembly in accordance with paragraph 2 of Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure.

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

Mr. Spencer OLIVER (Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly) presented his report.

Speakers: Mr. Adao SILVA (Portugal), Ms. Doris BARNETT (Germany).

**6. Election of the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee of the proposal of the Bureau to elect Mr. Roberto MONTELLA as Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. MONTELLA addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr. George TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Mr. Artashes GEGHAMYAN (Armenia), Mr. Peter Juel JENSEN (Denmark).

Mr. OLIVER replied.

The Standing Committee proceeded to a secret ballot on the proposal of the Bureau to elect Mr. MONTELLA as Secretary General, in accordance with Rule 40(1).

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI (Slovenia), Ms. Isabel SANTOS (Portugal) and Mr. George TSERETELI (Georgia) were appointed as tellers.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Total votes cast:	52
Votes in favour:	46

Votes against: 3

Abstentions and spoilt ballot papers: 3

The PRESIDENT accordingly declared Mr. Roberto MONTELLA elected as Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for a period of five years beginning on 1 January 2016.

Speaker: Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

## **7. General Committees**

The Standing Committee ratified the membership of General Committees in accordance with Rule 36(2).

## **8. Supplementary Items**

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that 15 supplementary items had been submitted in accordance with Rule 21, and 222 valid amendments had been received.

Because of the absence of the Russian delegation, two of the supplementary items were no longer valid. A number of amendments were also likely to fall for the same reason.

The proposed distribution of the remaining supplementary items between Committees had been circulated. The PRESIDENT reminded the Standing Committee that under the Rules of Procedure, a majority of two-thirds was required to add an item to the agenda, and a simple majority was required on questions of allocation.

## **DECISIONS:**

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following items to the agenda:

1. Adherence to the Helsinki Principles in Inter-State Relations Across the OSCE Area (Mr. Guliyev, Azerbaijan)
2. OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Awareness Raising, Dissemination, Better Implementation and Outreach (Ms. Glanzmann, Switzerland)
3. Helsinki +40: Building the OSCE of the Future (Mr. Soares, Portugal)
4. Responsibility to Combat Human Trafficking in Government Contracts for Goods and Services (Mr. Smith, U.S.A.)
5. Missing Persons in Connection with Armed Conflicts (Mr. Hadjiyianni, Cyprus)
6. Abducted and Illegally Detained Ukrainian Citizens in the Russian

Federation (Mr. Semerak, Ukraine)
7. The Co-operative Phase in Post-Conflict Borders: New Instruments and Actors for a Broader View of the Conflict Cycle (Mr. Sanchez Amor, Spain)
8. Calling For Urgent Solutions to the Tragedy of Deaths in the Mediterranean (Ms. Tidei, Italy)
9. A Comprehensive Legislative Reform on Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) from the OSCE Area (Ms. De Pietro, Italy)
10. Environmental Challenges and Economic Opportunities in the High North (Mr. Solberg, Norway)
11. Women and Girls Made Vulnerable by Armed Conflict, Crisis or Minority Status (Ms. Fry, Canada)

Item 12, on the Inadmissibility of the Use of Sanctions Against Parliamentarians of OSCE Participating States, and item 13, on the Need for the OSCE Participating States to Elaborate and Implement Joint Measures to Prohibit Manifestations of Neo-Nazism, were no longer valid because of the absence of the Russian delegation.

The Standing Committee approved the addition of the following item to the agenda:

14. Compromise Supplementary Item: The Modernization of the System of National Contributions to the OSCE Budget (Mr. Battelli, Slovenia)
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*Item 15: Compromise Supplementary Item: THE CONTINUATION OF CLEAR, GROSS AND UNCORRECTED VIOLATIONS OF OSCE COMMITMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL NORMS BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Mr. Allison, Canada)*

Speakers: Mr. Viktor GUMINSKY (Belarus), Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation), Mr. Artashes GEGHAMYAN (Armenia), Ms. Vilija ALEKNAITE ABRAMIKIENE (Lithuania).

Speaker (on a point of order): Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation).

Speaker (on a point of order): Lord BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

Speaker (on a point of order): Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russian Federation).

Speaker: Mr. Alain NERI (France).

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether to add this supplementary item to the Agenda.

Ayes: 26  
Noes: 9

The PRESIDENT declared that the supplementary item was added to the Agenda.

Speaker (on a point of order): Mr. Alain NERI (France).

The PRESIDENT responded.

Speaker (on a point of order): Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan).

The Standing Committee approved the allocation of supplementary items as follows:

1. Adherence to the Helsinki Principles in Inter-State Relations Across the OSCE Area (Mr. Guliyev, Azerbaijan)	1st Committee
2. OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Awareness Raising, Dissemination, Better Implementation and Outreach (Ms. Glanzmann, Switzerland)	1st Committee
3. Helsinki +40: Building the OSCE of the Future (Mr. Soares, Portugal)	Plenary
4. Responsibility to Combat Human Trafficking in Government Contracts for Goods and Services (Mr. Smith, U.S.A.)	2nd Committee
5. Missing Persons in Connection with Armed Conflicts (Mr. Hadjiyianni, Cyprus)	3rd Committee
6. Abducted and Illegally Detained Ukrainian Citizens in the Russian Federation (Mr. Semerak, Ukraine)	3rd Committee
7. The Co-operative Phase in Post-Conflict Borders: New Instruments and Actors for a Broader View of the Conflict Cycle (Mr. Sanchez Amor, Spain)	1st Committee
8. Calling For Urgent Solutions to the Tragedy of Deaths in the Mediterranean (Ms. Tidei, Italy)	3rd Committee
9. A Comprehensive Legislative Reform on Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) from the OSCE Area (Ms. De Pietro, Italy)	1st Committee
10. Environmental Challenges and Economic Opportunities in the High North (Mr. Solberg, Norway)	2nd Committee
11. Women and Girls Made Vulnerable by Armed Conflict, Crisis or Minority Status (Ms. Fry, Canada)	3rd Committee
14. Compromise Supplementary Item: The Modernization of the System of National Contributions to the OSCE Budget (Mr. Battelli, Slovenia)	2nd Committee
15. Compromise Supplementary Item: The Continuation of Clear, Gross and Uncorrected Violations of OSCE Commitments and International Norms by the Russian Federation (Mr. Allison, Canada)	Plenary

**8. Reports and Information on Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

**9. Future OSCE meetings**

Speaker: Ms. Doris BARNETT (Germany).

**10. Other business**

Speaker: Ms. Bahar MURADOVA (Azerbaijan).

**11. Close of meeting**

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 5.47 pm.