

MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Minsk

Wednesday 5 July 2017
9.30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 9.35 a.m. with Ms. Christine MUTTONEN (Austria), 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.

Speaker: Mr. George TSERETELI (Georgia).

The PRESIDENT further addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr. Artur GERASYMOV (Ukraine), Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Mr Celil GOCER (Turkey).

The PRESIDENT further addressed the Standing Committee.

4. General Committees

The Standing Committee ratified the membership of General Committees in accordance with Rule 36.2.

5. Supplementary Items

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that 15 supplementary items had been submitted in accordance with Rule 21.

The PRESIDENT reminded the Standing Committee that, under Rule 21.1, a majority of two-thirds of members of the Standing Committee voting was required to add an item to the agenda.

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on the inclusion of the following items on the agenda:

Item 1: PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ONLINE THROUGH ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY (Mr. Christopher Smith, USA)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 2: RESTORATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF UKRAINE (Mr. Artur Gerasymov, Ukraine)

Speakers: Mr. Petr TOLSTOI (Russian Federation), Mr. Artur GERASYMOV (Ukraine).

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

Ayes: 26
Noes: 2

The item was therefore included on the agenda.

Item 3: STRENGTHENING ENERGY SECURITY IN THE OSCE REGION (Ms. Olga Bielkova, Ukraine)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 4: PROMOTING GENDER INCLUSIVE AND RESPONSIVE MEDIATION (Ms. Hedy Fry, Canada)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 5: THE SITUATION IN BELARUS (Mr. Laurynas Kasciunas, Lithuania)

Speakers: Mr. Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden), Mr. Virginjus SINKEVICIUS (Lithuania).

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

Ayes: 8
Noes: 20

The item was not therefore included on the agenda.

Item 6: DEVELOPING A TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCE OF NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (Mr. Boleslav Pirshuk, Belarus)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 7: MULTICULTURALISM – THE ROLE OF CULTURAL VALUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION (Mr. Tahir Mirkishili, Azerbaijan)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 8: ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY (Ms. Isabel Santos, Portugal)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 9: DRINKING WATER: FOSTERING CO-OPERATION TO PROTECT A SCARCE RESOURCE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE (Mr. Godfrey Farrugia, Malta)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 10: OBSERVATION OF NEW VOTING TECHNOLOGIES (Mr. Bjorn Soder, Sweden)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 11: THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE (Mr. Christian Holm Barenfeld, Sweden)

Speaker: Mr. Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden).

The Standing Committee proceeded to vote on whether to include this supplementary item on the agenda.

Ayes:	33
Noes:	3

The item was therefore included on the agenda.

Item 12: STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE OSCE IN COUNTERING TERRORISM (Mr. Nikolay Kovalev, Russian Federation)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 13: THE INADMISSIBILITY OF DISCRIMINATION AND INTOLERANCE WITH REGARD TO CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS (Ms. Liudmila Narusova, Russian Federation)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 14: FOR A COHERENT, SHARED AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF MIGRATION AND REFUGEE FLOWS (Mr. Filippo Lombardi, Switzerland)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

Item 15: MIGRATION (Mr. Alain Neri, France)

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to include this item on the agenda.

The following supplementary items were added to the agenda of the Annual Session:

Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation Online Through Advances in Technology (Mr. Christopher Smith, USA)
Restoration of the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine (Mr. Artur Gerasymov, Ukraine)
Strengthening Energy Security in the OSCE Region (Ms. Olga Bielkova, Ukraine)
Promoting Gender Inclusive and Responsive Mediation (Ms. Hedy Fry, Canada)
Developing a Timely and Effective Legislative, Regulatory and Administrative Response to the Emergence of New Psychoactive Substances (Mr. Boleslav Pirshuk, Belarus)
Multiculturalism – The Role of Cultural Values in the Development of Democracy in the Context of Globalization (Mr. Tahir Mirkishili, Azerbaijan)
Abolition of the Death Penalty (Ms. Isabel Santos, Portugal)
Drinking Water: Fostering Co-operation to Protect a Scarce Resource Adversely Affected by Climate Change (Mr. Godfrey Farrugia, Malta)
Observation of New Voting Technologies (Mr. Bjorn Soder, Sweden)
The Situation in Eastern Europe (Mr. Christian Holm Barenfeld, Sweden)
Strengthening the Role of the OSCE in Countering Terrorism (Mr. Nikolay Kovalev, Russian Federation)
The Inadmissibility of Discrimination and Intolerance with regard to Christians, Muslims and Members of other Religions (Ms. Liudmila Narusova, Russian Federation)
For a Coherent, Shared and Responsible Governance of Migration and Refugee Flows (Mr. Filippo Lombardi, Switzerland)
Migration (Mr. Alain Neri, France)

Speakers: Mr. Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain), Mr. Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden).

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

Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation Online Through Advances in Technology (Mr. Christopher Smith, USA)	3rd Committee
Restoration of the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine (Mr. Artur Gerasymov, Ukraine)	1st Committee
Strengthening Energy Security in the OSCE Region (Ms. Olga Bielkova, Ukraine)	2nd Committee
Promoting Gender Inclusive and Responsive Mediation (Ms. Hedy Fry, Canada)	Plenary
Developing a Timely and Effective Legislative, Regulatory and Administrative Response to the Emergence of New Psychoactive Substances (Mr. Boleslav Pirshtuk, Belarus)	2nd Committee
Multiculturalism – The Role of Cultural Values in the Development of Democracy in the Context of Globalization (Mr. Tahir Mirkishili, Azerbaijan)	3rd Committee
Abolition of the Death Penalty (Ms. Isabel Santos, Portugal)	3rd Committee
Drinking Water: Fostering Co-operation to Protect a Scarce Resource Adversely Affected by Climate Change (Mr. Godfrey Farrugia, Malta)	2nd Committee
Observation of New Voting Technologies (Mr. Bjorn Soder, Sweden)	2nd Committee
The Situation in Eastern Europe (Mr. Christian Holm Barenfeld, Sweden)	3rd Committee
Strengthening the Role of the OSCE in Countering Terrorism (Mr. Nikolay Kovalev, Russian Federation)	1st Committee
The Inadmissibility of Discrimination and Intolerance with regard to Christians, Muslims and Members of other Religions (Ms. Liudmila Narusova, Russian Federation)	3rd Committee
For a Coherent, Shared and Responsible Governance of Migration and Refugee Flows (Mr. Filippo Lombardi, Switzerland)	Plenary
Migration (Mr. Alain Neri, France)	Plenary

6. **Report by the Treasurer**

Ms Doris BARNETT (Germany) presented the Treasurer’s Report to the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr. Alan FARRELL (Ireland), Mr. Alain NERI (France).

The Treasurer and the Secretary General responded.

Speaker: Mr. Alain NERI (France).

DECISION: The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Budget for the financial year 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

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

The Standing Committee endorsed the Financial Regulations.

7. Reports and Information on Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission, reported on the election observation mission to the parliamentary elections in Armenia.

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission, reported on the election observation mission to the parliamentary elections in Albania.

Mr. Guglielmo PICCHI, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission, reported on the election observation mission to the presidential elections in Mongolia.

The PRESIDENT announced plans to observe the upcoming elections in Germany (24 September) and Kyrgyzstan (15 October) and informed the Standing Committee that further information would be distributed concerning these forthcoming election observation missions.

Speakers: Mr. Ulan PRIMOV (Kyrgyzstan), Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN (Armenia).

The PRESIDENT proposed the creation of an ad hoc committee on anti-terrorism.

DECISION: The Standing Committee unanimously approved the creation of an ad hoc committee on anti-terrorism.

The PRESIDENT announced plans to engage in consultations related to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Strengthening OSCE Engagement Through Transparency and Reform, formerly known as the Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Reform of the OSCE.

Mr. Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden) reported on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Belarus.

Ms. Arta DADE (Albania) reported on the activities of the Parliamentary Team on Moldova.

Mr. Filippo LOMBARDI (Switzerland) reported on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration.

Speaker: Mr Celil GOCER (Turkey).

Mr. Ilkka KANERVA (Finland) reported on his activity as Special Representative on Mediation.

Mr. Nikolay KOVALEV (Russia) reported on his activity as Special Representative on Terrorism.

Mr. Ola ELVESTUEN (Norway) reported on his activity as Special Representative for Arctic Issues.

Mr. Kristian VIGENIN (Bulgaria) reported on his activity as Special Representative on the South Caucasus.

Lord BOWNESS, a Vice-President of the Assembly, took the Chair.

Speakers: Ms. Bahar MURADOVA (Azerbaijan), Mr. Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Mr. Alain NERI (France), Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN (Armenia), Ms. Bahar MURADOVA (Azerbaijan), Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN (Armenia).

Mr. Roberto BATTELLI (Slovenia) reported on his activity as Special Representative on South East Europe.

8. Report by the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Roberto MONTELLA (Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly) presented his report.

Speaker: Mr. Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain).

9. Future OSCE Meetings

Autumn Meeting (Andorra La Vella, 3 – 5 October 2017)

Speaker: Ms. Meritxell PALMITJAVILA, Head of the Delegation of Andorra.

27th Annual Session (Berlin, 7–11 July 2018)

Speaker: Ms. Doris BARNETT, Head of the Delegation of Germany.

Autumn Meeting 2018 (Bishkek, October 2018)

Speaker: Mr. Ulan PRIMOV (Kyrgyzstan).

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Close of Meeting

The VICE-PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 12.30 pm.