

**MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

Vienna

**Thursday 22 February 2018
9.00 am**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 9.05 a.m. with the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr George TSERETELI, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the draft Agenda

The draft Agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of the Agenda for the 2018 Winter Meeting

The agenda of the 2018 Winter Meeting was approved (Rule 16.1).

4. Report of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr Artur GERASYMOV (Ukraine), Mr Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Mr Fatmir MEDIU (Albania), Ms Doris BARNETT (Germany), Mr Luigi COMPAGNA (Italy), Mr Laurynas KASCIUNAS (Lithuania), Mr Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden), Ms Hedy FRY (Canada).

5. Review of Current International Political Issues

Speakers: Mr Petr TOLSTOI (Russian Federation), Mr Artur GERASYMOV (Ukraine), Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN (Armenia), Mr Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Mr Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain).

6. Reports on OSCE PA Activities

A. Reports on Election Observation Activities

Mr Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Special Co-ordinator, reported on the election observation mission in Kyrgyzstan.

Speakers: Mr Isa OMURKULOV (Kyrgyzstan), Ms Sereine MAUBORGNE (France)

B. Reports on the Activities of the Special Representatives

Mr Ilkka KANERVA (Finland), Special Representative on Mediation, presented his report.

Speaker: Ms Isabel SANTOS (Portugal).

Mr Pascal ALLIZARD (France), Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs, presented his report.

Mr Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden), Special Representative on Eastern Europe, presented his report.

Speakers: Ms Isabel SANTOS (Portugal), Mr Boleslav PIRSHTUK (Belarus).

Mr Kristian VIGENIN (Bulgaria), Special Representative on the South Caucasus, presented his report.

Speaker: Ms Sofio KATSARAVA (Georgia).

7. Report by the Treasurer of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Ms Doris BARNETT (Germany), Treasurer of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, presented her report, and in accordance with Rule 41.3, also presented the audited accounts of the Assembly for the 25th financial year.

Speakers: Mr Kent HARSTEDT (Sweden).

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee.

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

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

Speakers: Mr Peter OSUSKY (Slovak Republic), Mr Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Ms Isabel SANTOS (Portugal).

9. Reports on Preparations for future OSCE PA Meetings in 2018

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Ms Josee LORSCHÉ (Luxembourg), Mr Ignacio SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain).

10. Close of Meeting

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 11.45 am.