

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During the past two weeks there have been meetings by the Permanent Council (PC) and the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC). Various committees and other informal bodies and gatherings have also held meetings. In addition, there were a "Reinforced" (by representatives from the capitals) Ambassadorial Retreat in Eisenstadt and a Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on Access to Justice. The Ambassadorial Retreat was also attended by PA Secretary General Roberto Montella.

Vienna also organized the visit of the newly formed PA Ad hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism and the visit of the OSCE PA delegation from the Netherlands. The Chair of the Ad hoc Committee, Makis Vouridis, briefed the PC's Security Committee about the PA's activities on the issues that the committee is dealing with. Both the members of the Ad hoc Committee and the Dutch PA Delegation also participated in an extended briefing program arranged by the Office. The Dutch Delegation also paid a welcome visit to the Office and received extensive briefings about the work of the PA.

I also represented the PA at a Launching Conference called "Graz recommendations on Access to Justice and National Minorities" of the OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities (HCNM) in Graz, Austria, and accompanied OSCE PA Special Representative and Vice President Roberto Battelli to a NATO PA Rose Roth Seminar on the Western Balkans (Ljubljana, Slovenia). Reports of the PA's participation at the retreat, the visit by the Ad hoc Committee and the Ljubljana Seminar can be found on the PA website and in the News from Copenhagen.

The PC forwarded a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council to be held in Vienna on December 7 and 8, 2017. This is now the time when all formal and informal bodies of the OSCE are working on draft documents for the Ministerial Council. The PC is still dealing with routine business, receiving reports from the OSCE executive structures and briefings by visiting officials from international organizations etc. However, most of its attention (and that of the FSC) is absorbed by this work. I attach a list of the drafts that are currently under discussion to this report.



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