



The President

To: Members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Re: Decision: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Proposed Budget for 2020/2021 – 29th Financial Year

19 June 2020

Dear Members,

I hope this letter finds you and your close ones in good health.

It is my pleasure to communicate to the Assembly, in compliance with our *Rules of Procedure*, that the proposed budget for our next financial year that will start on 1 October 2020 and conclude on 30 September 2021 has been unanimously approved by the Standing Committee in accordance with Rule 41, paragraph 2 of the *Rules of Procedure*, and following a silence procedure given the current situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the absence of an Annual Session.

The Assembly's 2020-2021 budget (attached) has been thoroughly prepared in these exceptional circumstances by the Treasurer, together with the Secretary General and in consultation with the Bureau, to reflect the minimum basic needs of the Assembly reflecting the measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Assembly's budget for our 29th Financial Year will reflect the accrual of the amounts saved in our current budget as an extra contribution from the OSCE PA International Secretariat to the OSCE PA overall budget, thus automatically reducing the amounts of all national delegations' annual contributions. Official letters from our Treasurer regarding the annual contributions will be circulated, as customary, by Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallarés in July.

I thank Treasurer Peter Juel-Jensen and Secretary General Roberto Montella for their efforts and to the Standing Committee for its engagement and co-operation. This Parliamentary Assembly has always functioned – and continues to function – in an extremely cost-effective and efficient way, thanks to the continuous support, commitment, and solidarity of all national delegations.

I look forward to seeing you all in person very soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tsereteli', written over a light blue horizontal line.

George Tsereteli