



The Secretary General

To:
Members of the OSCE PA Standing Committee
Members of the OSCE PA Bureau

Copenhagen, 14 December 2020

Dear Members of the Bureau,
Dear Members of the Standing Committee,
Dear Friends,

As you may know, President George Tsereteli was not re-elected to the Georgian Parliament during the 31 October elections, and, following last Friday's first convocation of the new Parliament, also his mandate as OSCE PA President has come to an end.

According to Rule 5-8 of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Rules of Procedure: "*The Vice-President who has obtained the highest number of votes among the Vice Presidents with greatest length of service, and, at a parity of votes, the eldest of them, may act as President when the latter is unable to exercise his or her functions, until the Assembly elects a successor.*"

Based on records maintained by the International Secretariat, Peter Lord Bowness is currently the Vice-President with the greatest length of service. I have therefore written to Vice-President Lord Bowness, asking that he assumes the office and acts as President until the next OSCE PA Annual Session in July 2021.

I wish to thank George Tsereteli for his tireless work and leadership throughout the last years – the longest serving leader in the history of the OSCE PA, including as President, and express him my deepest gratitude for the unmatched efforts he has made for our Assembly. Together with all my colleagues at the International Secretariat, I now look forward to serving under the new leadership of Lord Bowness and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all OSCE parliamentarians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads 'Roberto Montella'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roberto Montella
Secretary General