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Heads and Members of OSCE PA delegations.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for your support to my candidacy for the post of Vice-President of the OSCE PA. I assure you that I will do my utmost to honour this responsibility.

The current geopolitical challenges stress the imperative need to uphold and further enhance multilateralism. At the same time, they point to the urgent need for the OSCE PA to reflect on its own work, on how to be more pro-active, useful and effective and how to further explore its potential as a platform for dialogue and mediation, through making full use of parliamentary diplomacy.

Addressing a host of challenges including terrorism, violent extremism, human rights and the rule of law, the fight against corruption and organized crime, environmental degradation, climate change and gender equality, must remain as priorities.

In this respect, I am fully committed to working with President Margareta Cederfelt, the other members of the Bureau, all of you, as well as Secretary General Montella, to facilitate an open and constructive dialogue, to further strengthen the work of the three General Committees and to reinforce our network of strategic partnerships with the OSCE executive structures and other key international stakeholders.

At the same time, I am especially grateful to Marco Bonabello, Anja Stanisavljevic and Eleni Georgiou for working by my side since 2019.

Counting on your continuing support and cooperation, I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Charalambides, Vice-President of the OSCE PA.