

April 12, 2023

Dear Members of the Assembly,

On 17 February, a letter was distributed to the OSCE PA Bureau calling for an audit of functions. Based on the discussions and information received since then, we would like to clarify the purpose of the audit and invite additional members to sign our letter.

In precise terms, we call for the OSCE PA to commission a performance audit. This is an audit which examines whether there could be improvements to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of our administrative organization. It should be noted that the annual financial audit only evaluates the financial statements and that a performance audit has never been made in the Parliamentary Assembly. The performance audit would look at the budget and overall structures in order to provide recommendations which are to the benefit of the organization as a whole. It should be conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI).

The governmental side of the OSCE, like other international organizations and parliamentary assemblies, performs both financial and performance audits on a regularly scheduled basis. We believe that it is our duty to ensure that the OSCE PA follows practice on this matter. As OSCE Parliamentarians, we should always have the people who have elected us in mind and be able to bring back the message that the financial contribution of each parliament is being used wisely.

A performance audit would help assure that the OSCE PA is the strongest and most efficient organization that it could possibly be. Our mission has never been as important as it is today, when facing the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine and the outright attack on our common security that it constitutes. For that very reason, we need to utilize all possible instruments to strengthen the Parliamentary Assembly. A performance audit is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal.

By implementing a performance audit, we are together taking action to make the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly even stronger and more robust. We are therefore inviting additional members to sign our letter.

Please find letter from 17 February attached.

To:

All members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly through Secretaries of Delegations.

Copy:

OSCE PA International Secretariat (for information).

Signatories:

Bulgaria

Mr. Stanislav Anastassov

Canada

Hon. Hedy Fry, P.C., M.P.

Hon. Peter Boehm, Senator

Hon. Michael MacDonald, Senator
Hon. Flordeliz (Gigi) Osler, Senator
Ms. Kristina Michaud, M.P.
Ms. Ya'ara Saks, M.P.
Mr. John Aldag, M.P.
Mr. Jasraj Singh Hallan, M.P.

Cyprus

Mrs. Irene Charalambides

Czech Republic

Mr. Ladislav Václavec
Ms. Lucie Potuckova
Mr. Hayato Okamura
Ms. Jana Pastuchova

Denmark

Mr. Peter Juel-Jensen
Mr. Søren Søndergaard
Mr. Søren Espersen Solbjørg Jakobsen
Mr. Henrik Frandsen
Mr. Kim Aas
Mr. Kim Valentin
Mr. Kris Skriver
Mr. Matle Larsen

Iceland

Ms. Helga Vala Helgadóttir

Latvia

Mr. Rihards Kols
Ms. Ingrida Circene
Mr. Lauris Lizbovskis

Lithuania

Ms. Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene
Mr. Laurynas Kasciunas
Mr. Giedrius Surplys

Poland

Mrs. Barbara Bartuś
Ms. Joanna Lichočka
Mr. Radosław Fogiel
Mr. Rafał Adamczyk
Mr. Dariusz Stefaniuk
Mr. Kazimierz Kleina
Mr. Grzegorz Bierecki

Sweden

Mr. Björn Söder
Mr. Johan Büser
Mr. Denis Begic
Mr. Lars Isacsson
Ms. Linnéa Wickman
Mr. Markus Wiechel
Mr. Ulrik Nilsson
Mr. Kadir Kasirga
Ms. Carina Ödebrink
Ms. Jessica Rodén
Ms. Helena Storckenfeldt
Mr. Sven-Olof Sällström
Mr. Joakim Sandell
Mr. Edward Riedl

Ukraine

Mr. Mykyta Poturaiev
Mr. Vadym Halaichuk
Mr. Serhii Rakhmanin
Mr. Volodymyr Voronov
Mr. Yaroslav Yurchyshyn
Ms. Viktoriia Kinzburska
Ms. Yeheniia Kravchuk
Ms. Anna Lichman
Ms. Nataliia Pipa