

February 17, 2023

Dear Members of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,

During recent statutory meetings, delegations have raised concerns and inquires related to the financial situation of the OSCE PA, as well as the costs and performance of the administrative organisation supporting our effort. As Members of the OSCE PA, we have to take these concerns into serious account and act accordingly to strengthen the Parliamentary Assembly and the support from the International Secretariat.

We ask the Bureau to initiate a business audit of the administrative functions of the OSCE PA. All organisations benefit from regular oversight. In the OSCE executive structure and other international organizations, audits are performed on a regular basis. However, it has not, to our knowledge, been carried out in the Parliamentary Assembly since its foundation more than 30 years ago. A business audit is a comprehensive analysis which would complement the annual financial review of the International Secretariat.

The difficult times facing the OSCE region as a consequence of Russia's unprovoked war of aggression in Ukraine is affecting our work in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in all three dimensions of security. Considering this, it is our duty to safeguard the organization and to ensure that we are provided with the best possible support. As members of the Parliamentary Assembly, it is our duty to listen to the concerns of our colleagues and proceed accordingly with a business audit. We also propose that the International Independent Audit company is selected by the President and the Treasurer.

The results of the audit should be presented at the Annual session of the OSCE PA in July 2023 in Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

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