



To: Heads of OSCE PA Delegations
Bureau Members of the OSCE PA

CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

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Dear Heads of OSCE PA Delegations,
Dear colleagues,

As we enter the new financial year in two weeks, we wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to follow up on decisions taken by the Standing Committee related to the OSCE PA budget and audits.

As you may recall, the Standing Committee took the decision that - beyond the regular financial audit which has been carried out on the Assembly's finances on an annual basis for decades - we should perform an Integrated Financial - Business/Performance Audit. This integrated approach was intended to help keep costs for this expanded audit minimal, and to maximize efficiencies in the process. We agreed that the Integrated Financial - Business/Performance Audit would be conducted by our already approved auditors from Deloitte.

To ensure that this process is undertaken effectively and without delay, in co-operation with the International Secretariat we met earlier this week in Copenhagen with the auditors from Deloitte who will be performing this integrated audit. The auditors were very responsive to our questions, and displayed professionalism in all respects. They indicated that they would begin the audit process immediately, and expect to complete the audit well in advance of our Winter Meeting on 22-23 February in Vienna. In accordance with our Rules, the Treasurer will present the audit to the Standing Committee at that time.

It is vital that all of us have full confidence in the administration of our Assembly. This audit process will no doubt be a useful mechanism that complements

the regular oversight that we, as parliamentarians, conduct of the Assembly's work. We want to thank you for your agreement to allocate funds for this expanded audit, as well as the Secretary General's support for this process.

We look forward to seeing you all soon in Yerevan,

Yours sincerely,



Pia Kauma
President



Johan Büser
Treasurer