

Experts from CIS Parliamentary Assembly discuss elections at OSCE PA headquarters



Four elections experts from the CIS Parliamentary Assembly discuss election observation at the OSCE PA International Secretariat in Copenhagen

Election specialists from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly met at the OSCE PA International Secretariat in Copenhagen on 28 April to discuss election observation in the OSCE participating States.

The OSCE PA/IPA CIS dialogue was led by OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver and by the IPA CIS Secretary General Mikhail Krotov and the Deputy Chairman of Russia's Central Election Commission Stanislav Vavilov.

The thorough discussion touched on many different aspects

of OSCE election observation, including monitoring standards and procedures as well as the need for more transparency in the process.

The Russian delegation also included Dmitry Gladey and Denis Zhuk from the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and Igor Evlanov from the Central Election Commission.

Spencer Oliver was joined by OSCE PA Deputy Secretary General and head of the election unit, Tina Schoen, Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhaev, Director of Communications Klas Bergman, and Programme Officers Andreas Baker and Anna Chernova.

Roberto Battelli appointed OSCE Special Co-ordinator for Serbia's elections

Roberto Battelli has been appointed OSCE Special Co-ordinator by the OSCE's Chairman-in-Office, Finland's Foreign Minister Alexander Stubb, for the parliamentary elections in Serbia on 11 May.

Mr. Battelli, a member of Slovenia's parliament, also heads the OSCE PA election observer team for Serbia. He is the OSCE PA's Special Representative for South East Europe and an experienced election observer. As Special Co-ordinator he will lead the OSCE short-term observers in Serbia and deliver the preliminary post-election statement the day after the elections.

Observers from the OSCE PA will be joined by observers from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) led by Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco).

Ambassador Andreas Nothelle, head of the OSCE PA's Liaison Office in Vienna, is responsible for the organizing of the PA's election observation mission. He will be joined by Klas Bergman, the PA's Director of Communications, and Petra Jezkova, Logistics Officer for the PA's Copenhagen headquarters.

