



OSCE PA presidential visit to Cyprus focuses on parliamentary diplomacy, humanitarian concerns

OSCE PA President George Tsereteli (Georgia) has been in Cyprus this week, encouraging continued engagement in parliamentary diplomacy to tackle enduring challenges and underlining the important partnership between Cyprus and the OSCE.

In Nicosia, the OSCE PA President met with President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades, President of the House of Representatives Demetris Syllouris, Minister of Finance Harris Georgiades, Foreign Minister Nicos Christodoulides, and Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Cyprus. Also participating in the visit were Head of the OSCE PA Cyprus Delegation Irene Charalambides and Kyriakos Hadjiyianni, rapporteur of the Third Committee.

Discussions focused on challenges facing the Mediterranean region, including the migrant and refugee crisis, terrorist threats, and the impact of climate change. Talks also touched on recent

tensions between Cyprus and Turkey. The President applauded Cyprus's active engagement in the OSCE and highlighted the platform for direct dialogue provided by the Parliamentary Assembly. In a visit to the UN Buffer Zone and the offices of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, President Tsereteli met with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Elizabeth Spehar to discuss the work of the United Nations in Cyprus and ongoing efforts to create the conditions for a comprehensive and durable settlement of the dispute.

President Tsereteli and members of the Delegation of Cyprus also met with the Mayor-in-Exile of Famagusta, Alexis Galanos, and representatives from the Committee on Missing Persons to hear from individuals directly impacted by the partition of the island. From the International Secretariat, advisors Loic Poulain and Guido Almerigogna supported the visit.

Annual Session deadlines reminder

Delegations are kindly reminded that amendments to the three General Committee Draft Resolutions must be received at the International Secretariat in Copenhagen no later than **20 June**. Amendments to Supplementary Items must be received at the International Secretariat in Copenhagen no later than **27 June**. The deadline for members of the media who wish to cover the Annual Session is **26 June**.

PA participates in OSCE events in Slovakia

The PA's Special Representative in Vienna, Amb. Andreas Nothelle, and Senior Advisor Marco Bonabello have represented the PA at OSCE events in Vysoke Tatry and Bratislava, Slovakia. On 13-15 June, Nothelle was in the High Tatra mountains for a meeting of OSCE ambassadors to discuss the OSCE's current issues and the priorities of the Slovak Chairmanship. Bonabello attended the 2019 OSCE-Wide Cyber Security Conference in Bratislava, where the debate focused on the need to develop a comprehensive global framework to respond co-operatively to the threats stemming from ICT.



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- OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella

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