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Seminar on Self-Government

The OSCE Parliamentary Team on Moldova is preparing, in cooperation with the OSCE PA Delegations from Finland and Sweden, and the authorities of the Åland Islands, a Seminar on Self-Government, to be held in Stockholm, Mariehamn and Helsinki on 12-15 February 2001. The OSCE Mission to Moldova is also involved in the preparations.

Representatives of the Moldovan Parliament and the Transnistrian Supreme Soviet will be invited. The OSCE PA will also invite representatives of the Finnish and Swedish Parliament and the Åland Lagting, as well as representatives of the Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian parliaments. The Council of Europe PA and the European Parliament will also be invited.

The Seminar is an effort to promote dialogue between political institutions and personalities, including parliamentarians, in order to find a political solution to the conflict in Moldova.

President Severin will lead OSCE Observation of Serbian Elections

President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Adrian Severin, will lead the OSCE Observation Mission for the Serbian Parliamentary Elections on Saturday 23 December 2000. He will act as Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Austrian Foreign Minister Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, leading the Mission and delivering the preliminary post election statement on Sunday 24 December.

The parliamentary observation team will include more than twenty parliamentarians from more than ten countries. In Belgrade Mr. Severin will be accompanied by Secretary General Spencer Oliver

Prior to heading the Election Mission in Serbia Mr. Severin will visit the FYR of Macedonia, as well as Kosovo and Montenegro where he will have meetings with prominent government officials, senior political representatives and leading opposition members.

OSCE PA Delegation to Discuss Azerbaijani Election Shortcomings

Ms. Asta Johannesdottir, (MP Iceland) will be visiting Baku on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly from December 15-18 to follow-up on the recent elections. She will meet



President Adrian Severin with Kosovo Serb Bishop Artemje and PDK President Thaqi at a closed conference on Balkan minorities in Athens on 1 December

Vice President Estier at 46th OSCE PA Represented at 16th WEU Assembly Session PABSEC Plenary Session

In his capacity as Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Claude Estier of France represented the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the Forty-Sixth Session of the Assembly of the Western European Union, held in Paris from 4 to 7 December 2000. The discussions revolved largely around the future role of the Assembly of the WEU, specifically with regards to the emerging Common European Security and Defence Policy (CESDP).

Mr. Gagik Aslanyan, Head of the Armenian Delegation to the OSCE PA, represented the OSCE PA at the Sixteenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly on Black Sea Economic Cooperation in Yerevan. In his speech to the Assembly Mr. Aslanyan emphasized the need to strengthen co-operation between the two Assemblies as many PABSEC activities coincide with the OSCE principles and aims to strengthen the European security architecture.