

Current Information from the International Secretariat

- On 19-21 June Mr. Adrian Severin (Romania), Chair of the ad hoc Working Group on Belarus, will visit Minsk to meet with the President of the Republic, government officials, representatives of the opposition, diplomatic missions, international organizations, human rights organizations and the media. Mr. Jan Marinus Wiersma, Chairman of the Belarus Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, will also participate in the meetings in Minsk. Mr Severin will be accompanied by Mr. Paul LeGendre, Program Officer of the International Secretariat.
- On 19 June, President Helle Degn will deliver a statement at the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Trafficking in Human Beings which takes place in Vienna. President Degn will be accompanied by Ms. Tina Schøn, Research Co-ordinator of the International Secretariat.
- Mr. András Bársony (Hungary), Rapporteur of the First General Committee, will represent the OSCE PA at the Rose-Roth Seminar, organized by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on 29 June – 1 July 2000 in Lake Ohrid, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- On 6 June Secretary General Spencer Oliver met in Brussels with the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Mr. Julian Priestly, to discuss co-operation between the two parliamentary institutions. Mr. Oliver also met with Mr. Jan Marinus Wiersma, Chair of the Belarus Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, to discuss developments in Belarus. While in Brussels, Mr. Oliver also met with the Head of the Belgian Delegation, Mr. Francois-Xavier de Donnea, who also serves as the Mayor of Brussels, and with other Members of the Belgian Delegation to the OSCE PA.
- In connection with the preparations for the 2001 Annual Session in Paris, Mr. R. Spencer Oliver, Secretary General, and Mr. Vitaly Evseyev, Deputy Secretary General, visited France from 7-9 June. They met with the executive staff of the French National Assembly and the Senate, visited the premises of the Palais-Bourbon and the major hotels proposed by the French hosts. They also met Mr. Michel Voisin, Head of the French Delegation, in his constituency and discussed general arrangements for the Annual Session. On 7 June Mr. Voisin attended the General Session of the WEU Parliamentary Assembly in Paris, along with Secretary General Spencer Oliver.
- The OSCE Parliamentary Team on Moldova visited Moldova for the second time on 8-9 June 2000. The Team was represented by Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland) and Ms. Tone Tingsgård (Sweden). They were accompanied by Mr. Pentti Väänänen, Deputy Secretary General. On 8 June the Team held talks in Tiraspol with the Speaker and other representatives of the Supreme Soviet. On 9 June the Team met in Chisinau with the Speaker and other representatives of the Parliament of Moldova. The discussions in Tiraspol and Chisinau dealt with the forthcoming Ninth Annual Session of the Assembly and a draft Resolution on Moldova which will be debated in Bucharest. On 9 June the OSCE Mission to Moldova had arranged a social event, attended by representatives of the Moldovan Parliament and the Supreme Soviet of Transdnistria.
- On 13 June Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland), Chair of the Assembly's General Committee on Political Affairs and Security, represented the OSCE PA at the Fifteenth Plenary Assembly of the IPA CIS in St. Petersburg.

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