

# News from Copenhagen

## OSCE PA set to gather for 17th Autumn Meeting in Bishkek

The OSCE PA will gather in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 3-6 October for its 17th Autumn Meeting. The meeting will include a Parliamentary Conference on “Promoting Security Dialogue in Central Asia and Beyond,” a Mediterranean Forum on “Geopolitics of Central Asia and the Mediterranean: Addressing Migration, Trade and Environmental Challenges,” and a meeting of the Standing Committee.



Expected speakers at the event include:

- President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sooronbay Jeenbekov
- Toraga of the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic Dastanbek Dzhumabekov
- OSCE PA President George Tsereteli (Georgia)

• Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Italian OSCE Chairmanship Guglielmo Picchi

Also speaking will be representatives of OSCE field operations in Central Asia, OSCE PA Special Representatives on Mediterranean Affairs and Gender Issues, and a representative of the Chairmanship of the OSCE Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

Hosted by the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, all meetings except for the Official Inaugural Session will take place at Hotel Damas in Bishkek. The Official Inaugural Session will take place at the Ala Archa State Residence.

## In visit to Baku, President Tsereteli invites greater role for parliament



George Tsereteli meets Ilham Aliyev in Baku, 20 Sept.

In Baku last week, President George Tsereteli (Georgia) reiterated the PA’s commitment to the South Caucasus and encouraged parliamentarians to play an active role in supporting economic and security

co-operation in the region.

Tsereteli was in Baku on 20 September as Azerbaijan

celebrated the 100th anniversary of the country’s first parliament. In meetings with President Ilham Aliyev, Chairman of the National Assembly Ogtay Asadov, Head of the Delegation of Azerbaijan to the OSCE PA Bahar Muradova, and PA Vice-President Azay Guliyev, President Tsereteli applauded the active role that Azerbaijani parliamentarians play within the OSCE. Recalling the achievements of its first parliament, Tsereteli praised Azerbaijan’s transformation into a key trade partner and advocated a greater role for parliamentary diplomacy in the region.

## Special Rep. Pritchard continues series of visits with two days of meetings in Belgrade



Mark Pritchard meets with Žarko Obradović in Belgrade, 21 Sept.

On his second visit to the region since his appointment in July, OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe Mark Pritchard (United Kingdom) met in Belgrade on 20-21 September with a range of governmental and parliamentary leaders, as well as representatives of the international community and civil society.

In meetings with Chairperson of the National Assembly’s Foreign Affairs Committee Žarko Obradović, the Serbian Delegation to the PA, and Director of the Office for Kosovo and Metohija Government of Serbia Marko Durić, key topics of discussions included regional co-operation, the EU-facilitated Belgrade-Pristina dialogue, parliamentary oversight, and the OSCE’s role in the region.

## Special Rep. Allizard holds meetings in Rabat on migration and Mediterranean co-operation



Pascal Allizard and Jean Bizet meet with Prime Minister Saadeddine El Othmani in Rabat, 18 Sept.

OSCE PA Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs Pascal Allizard was in Rabat last week, where he held a series of meetings to discuss issues including migration, co-operation and Moroccan relations with Europe. Morocco, an OSCE Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation, is scheduled to host the OSCE PA’s 2019 Autumn Meeting in Marrakech.

Special Representative Allizard, who also serves as Vice-President of the Assembly, was joined by PA Member Jean Bizet, Chair of the French Senate’s Committee for European Affairs, and held meetings including with Prime Minister Dr Saadeddine El Othmani, Head of the OSCE PA’s Moroccan Delegation Mohammed El Bakkouri, and Minister of Finance Moulay Hafid El Alami.