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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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1. OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's PROPOSED Budget 2010/2011

In compliance with Rule 41.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, on 26 May I circulated a proposed budget for the next financial year to the Standing Committee. Since the budget was frozen for 2009/2010, the proposal called for an increase the Assembly's budget.

During the past weeks I have been in contact with several of you. Obviously, several Delegations feel that in a time of a worldwide financial crisis when public budgets are being frozen or cut substantially, this is not a good time to increase the contributions to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

As I have expressed before, I am very well aware that the financial and economic crisis that begun last year is affecting us all. In all our Parliaments we are confronted with the need to freeze and reduce public budgets and other restrictive measures to face and confront the crisis

I of course understand this argument, and despite the difficulties and consequences involved, the Secretary General and I have decided to continue the important work for another financial year without an increase to the budget. Let me remind you, once again, that last financial year we froze the budget, and there has been no increase since 2008.

Therefore, as you can see, the proposed budget contains no increases for the next year and freezes, one more year, our budget at the same level as this year's budget meaning that **national contributions to the Assembly will remain exactly the same.**

The Secretary General and I have ensured that our proposed budget for the coming year 2010/2011 complies with and reflects the efforts of our national legislatures to minimize expenses and remain within our objectives of austerity and accountability in the use of our tax -payers money.

2. Contributions fiscal year 2009/2010

The list of national contributions for this fiscal year that started 1 October 2009 is attached. As you can see we have received over 99,55% of our annual budget. I take this opportunity to thank all delegations that have made their contributions in due time. I also remind those that have not paid of Rule 40.5 of our Rules of Procedure: *"Where the Assembly's accounts show that a Member country has not made its contribution for a period of nine months Members of this delegation shall not be allowed to vote until the contribution has been received"*.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that the finances of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly continue to be in good order.

For the 17th year in a row the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has remained within the approved budget for the financial year 2008/2009, which ended on 30 September 2009. At the same time, I was satisfied that the Assembly received a positive assessment from our external auditors.

Since being elected Treasurer of the Assembly one year ago in Vilnius I have found it remarkable that the Assembly continues to operate in such an efficient way on such low budget given the increasing number of our activities.

As our President has recently pointed out, despite the fact that we have by far the smallest staff and budget of all similar parliamentary organizations in Europe, we continue to maintain and increase our level of activities. In this context, I would like to commend our Secretary General, Mr. Spencer Oliver, for his efforts in making this institution so efficient and cost effective.



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Attachments:

- **OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – Proposed 2010/2011 Budget**
- **OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – List of Contributions 2009/2010**

OSCE PA - Proposed Budget 2010 / 2011

		Proposed
2009/2010		2010 /2011
BUDGET		BUDGET
(in EUROS)		(in EUROS)
	<u>SALARIES AND STAFF EXPENSES</u>	
938.985	SALARIES	977.000
33.000	INSURANCE: HEALTH AND ACCIDENT	33.000
104.000	POST ALLOWANCES	108.000
2.000	TEMPORARY HELP	30.000
140.000	SEVERANCE BENEFIT FUND	146.000
15.000	STAFF CONTINGENCY FUND	5.000
5.000	REPRESENTATION	5.000
2.000	STAFF RECRUITMENT/REMOVAL EXPENSES	2.000
1.239.985	TOTAL	1.306.000
	<u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>	
17.000	CLEANING / MAINTENANCE	17.000
5.000	RENOVATION	5.000
11.000	ELECTRICITY / HEATING	11.000
4.000	SECURITY	7.000
110.000	LEASING OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT/PRINTING	80.000
45.000	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT	55.000
12.000	FURNITURE / SMALL FIXED ASSETS	10.000
9.000	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	4.000
50.000	TELEPHONE / FAX	40.000
15.000	STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	13.000
4.000	PERIODICALS, SUBSCRIPTIONS	4.000
15.000	TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS	10.000
6.000	CONTACTS WITH DELEGATIONS	6.000
12.000	USE AND MAINTENANCE OF CARS	14.000
	INSURANCE	10.000
22.000	AUDIT FEES / ACCOUNTING	22.000
4.000	LEGAL FEES/BANK CHARGES	5.000
2.000	LIBRARY - DOCUMENTATION	1.000
8.000	MISCELLANEOUS GEN. ADM. EXP.	5.000
351.000	TOTAL	319.000
	<u>TRAVEL EXPENSES</u>	
41.000	GENERAL TRAVEL EXPENSES	10.000
186.000	ELECTION MONITORING	175.000
99.000	MISSIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS	75.000
53.000	PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT	50.000
379.000	TOTAL	310.000
	<u>ANNUAL SESSION</u>	
34.000	TRANSLATION	20.000
125.000	INTERPRETATION	115.000
20.000	REVISORS	20.000
25.000	TYPISTS	22.000
3.000	EXTRA STAFF	3.000
25.000	CONSULTANTS	15.000
29.000	TEMPORARY STAFF	25.000
40.000	STAFF TRAVEL AND LODGING	40.000
4.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE EXPENSE	4.000
4.000	REPRODUCTION	4.000
7.000	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION	7.000
2.000	GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT	2.000
2.000	LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	2.000
4.000	SPECIAL GUESTS/VIP EXPENSES	2.000
2.000	COMMUNICATIONS COSTS	2.000
4.000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	4.000
330.000	TOTAL	287.000

OSCE PA - Proposed Budget 2010 / 2011

2009/2010		2010 /2011
BUDGET		BUDGET
(in EUROS)		(in EUROS)
	<u>WINTER MEETINGS, FALL MEETINGS, BUREAU AND OTHER MEETING COSTS</u>	
88.000	STAFF TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION	88.000
70.000	TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION	70.000
4.000	ENTERTAINMENT/REPRESENTATION	4.000
7.000	LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	7.000
9.000	MISCELLANEOUS	5.000
178.000	TOTAL	174.000
	<u>PUBLICITY EXPENSES</u>	
14.000	PRESS RELEASE/BROCHURES/WEB SITE	12.000
3.000	P.R. COSTS / NEWSLETTER	7.000
17.000	TOTAL	19.000
	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	
25.000	CONTINGENCY	10.000
25.000	TOTAL	10.000
	<u>RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM</u>	
57.000	SUBSISTENCE/LODGING	57.000
25.000	TRAVEL	15.000
1.000	INSURANCE	1.000
1.000	DOCUMENTATION/RESEARCH	1.000
3.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE COSTS	3.000
87.000	TOTAL	77.000
2.606.985	<i>Existing Financial Requirements</i>	2.502.000
	<u>VIENNA LIASON OFFICE</u>	
113.000	SALARIES	180.000
4.000	INSURANCE: HEALTH AND ACCIDENT	14.000
21.000	POST ALLOWANCES	31.000
17.000	SEVERANCE BENEFIT FUND	27.000
17.000	RENT	22.000
	REPRESENTATION	4.000
2.000	ELECTRICITY	2.000
5.000	CLEANING	7.000
3.000	FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT	3.000
2.000	SMALL FIXED ASSETS	2.000
1.000	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	1.000
6.000	TELEPHONE / FAX	6.000
2.000	STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	2.000
3.000	TRAVEL	5.000
34.000	SUBSISTENCE/LODGING Research assistant Vienna	34.000
14.000	TRAVEL, Research assistant Vienna	10.000
1.000	INSURANCE, Research assistant Vienna	1.000
1.000	DOCUMENTATION/RESEARCH, Research assistant Vienna	1.000
2.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE COSTS, Research assistant Vienna	1.000
1.000	MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE SUPPLIES	1.000
249.000	TOTAL	354.000
2.855.985	<i>Existing Financial Requirements</i>	2.856.000

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
List of Contributions for 2009/2010 in EUROS

<i>Country</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
Albania	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Andorra	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Armenia	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Austria	2,510	71 685	71 685	0
Azerbaijan	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Belarus	0,280	7 997	7 997	0
Belgium	3,240	92 534	92 534	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Bulgaria	0,550	15 708	15 708	0
Canada	5,530	157 936	157 936	0
Croatia	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Cyprus	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Czech Republic	0,570	16 279	16 279	0
Denmark	2,100	59 976	59 976	0
Estonia	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Finland	1,850	52 836	52 836	0
France	9,350	267 035	267 035	0
FYR of Macedonia	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Georgia	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Germany	9,350	267 035	267 035	0
Greece	0,980	27 989	27 989	0
Holy See	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Hungary	0,600	17 136	17 136	0
Iceland	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Ireland	0,750	21 420	21 420	0
Italy	9,350	267 035	267 035	0
Kazakhstan	0,360	10 282	10 282	0
Kyrgyzstan	0,050	1 428		1 428
Latvia	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Liechtenstein	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Lithuania	0,190	5 426	5 426	0
Luxembourg	0,470	13 423	13 423	0
Malta	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Moldova	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Monaco	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Montenegro	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Netherlands	4,360	124 521	124 521	0
Norway	2,050	58 548	58 548	0
Poland	1,350	38 556	38 556	0
Portugal	0,980	27 989	27 989	0
Romania	0,600	17 136	17 136	0
Russia	6,000	171 359	171 359	0
San Marino	0,125	3 570	3 570	0
Serbia	0,140	3 998	3 998	0
Slovakia	0,280	7 997	7 997	0
Slovenia	0,220	6 283	6 283	0
Spain	4,580	130 804	130 804	0
Sweden	3,240	92 534	92 534	0
Switzerland	2,810	80 253	80 253	0
Tajikistan	0,050	1 428	1 428	0
Turkey	1,010	28 845	28 845	0
Turkmenistan	0,050	1 428		1 428
Ukraine	0,680	19 421	19 421	0
United Kingdom	9,350	267 035	267 035	0
USA	11,500	328 438	328 438	0
Uzbekistan	0,350	9 996		9 996
Total	100,005	2 855 985	2 843 277	12 851
		100,000%	99,555%	0,450%