

OSCE PA President Tsereteli, Vice-President Allizard in Kazakhstan this week

Speaking at the Fourth Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' Parliaments in Nur-Sultan, OSCE PA President George Tsereteli (MP, Georgia) said Tuesday that the fulfillment of international commitments and obligations is a pre-condition for honest dialogue, genuine trust, and stronger partnerships for peace and sustainable development. The meeting, hosted by the Parliament of Kazakhstan, was held under the theme "Greater Eurasia: Dialogue. Trust. Partnership" and brought together parliamentary leaders from 65 countries. President Tsereteli was accompanied in Nur-Sultan by OSCE PA Vice-President Pascal Allizard (MP, France).

In his statement, President Tsereteli highlighted the need to pursue dialogue on controversial issues, including the need to hold elections in line with democratic principles, promoting media freedom and defending journalists, safeguarding the environment and protecting biodiversity, encouraging trade and sustainable economic development, or enhancing effective migration governance.

During the conference, Tsereteli and Allizard met with Mazhilis Chairman Nurlan Nigmatulin and Senate Chairwoman Dariga Nazarbayeva, who serves as the Head of Kazakhstan's Delegation to the OSCE PA. Tsereteli also exchanged with Kazakhstan's First President Nursultan Nazarbayev. The conversations underlined Kazakhstan's long-standing commitment and contributions to international dialogue and to the effectiveness of the OSCE and its Institutions, including through good co-operation with the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan.

"Kazakhstan continues to play a unique role in the OSCE through its readiness to contribute to conflict resolution, to promote peaceful relations, and to boost economic development. When we address sensitive and critical topics, we all understand there can be no substitute to frank and honest dialogue," said Tsereteli. "In that respect, it is important to note Kazakhstan's continued willingness to overcome shortcomings and work together with its international partners in good spirit."

Tsereteli, who served as the Special Co-ordinator and leader



George Tsereteli addresses Speakers Meeting, 24 Sept. 2019.

of short-term OSCE observers for the early presidential election of June 2019, also met today with civil society representatives to discuss post-election developments in Kazakhstan.

On the margins of the parliamentary conference, President Tsereteli and Vice-President Allizard held several bilateral meetings with Armenian Speaker Ararat Mirzoyan, Azerbaijani Speaker Ogtay Asadov, Moldovan Speaker Zinaida Greceanii, North Macedonian Speaker Talat Xhaferi, Tajik Speaker Shukurjon Zuhurov, and Uzbek Speaker Nurdinjon Ismoilov. They also exchanged with the Speakers from Austria, Belarus, Cyprus, and Turkey.

Vice-President Allizard visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and met with Kazakhstan's Deputy Foreign Minister Roman Vassilenko. Allizard, who is also the PA's Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs, emphasized the need to pursue outreach efforts and promote regional co-operation to counter security challenges in the OSCE area.

Later this week, President Tsereteli will be in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to address an international seminar on parliamentary oversight and meet with the Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament. Tsereteli and Vice-President Allizard will report on their visit during the OSCE PA's upcoming Autumn Meeting to be held in Marrakech, Morocco (4-6 October 2019).

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OSCE PA Events App updated for Marrakech Autumn Meeting

The OSCE PA Events App has been updated with information on the 18th Autumn Meeting, taking place in Marrakech, Morocco, on 4-6 October. All relevant documentation for participants is accessible on the app, which can be downloaded at iTunes or the Google Store.

Treasurer Juel-Jensen visits Secretariat for discussions on PA finances

In preparation of his work ahead newly elected OSCE PA Treasurer Peter Juel-Jensen (MP, Denmark) met today at the International Secretariat with Secretary General Roberto Montella and his financial team (Gustavo Pallares, Marieta Samac and Stephen Paul). Treasurer Juel-Jensen and the members of the Secretariat thoroughly evaluated and discussed all aspects of the financial situation of the Assembly whose current financial year will close on 30 September including the general overview of the function, activities, and reports of the Treasurer as well as specific matters regarding the status of national contributions and budget implementation.

The Treasurer will present his first report at the meeting of the Standing Committee to be held on 4 October in Marrakech during the upcoming Autumn Meeting.



Peter Juel-Jensen meets with Roberto Montella and team in Copenhagen, 25 Sept. 2019.

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