

Three General Committees amend and adopt resolutions



General Committee on Political Affairs and Security



General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment



General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions

The First Committee on Tuesday resumed work on the draft resolution introduced by Rapporteur Margareta Cedersjö (MP, Sweden) the previous day. Key issues discussed in the debate included the crisis in and around Ukraine, arms control, and the importance of upholding the Helsinki Final Act's Decalogue of Principles. Following the adoption of 34 amendments, the resolution was agreed to unanimously.

The Committee took up two supplementary items. The Co-operative Phase in Post-Conflict Borders: New Instruments and Actors for a Wider Concept of the Conflict Cycle, principally sponsored by Ignacio Sanchez-Amor (MP, Spain), was adopted unanimously with one amendment. Adherence to the Helsinki Principles in Inter-State Relations Across the OSCE Area, principally sponsored by Azay Guliyev (MP, Azerbaijan), was adopted unamended.

In the Second Committee, Rapporteur Marietta Tidei (MP, Italy) introduced her report and draft resolution, highlighting the importance of developing a green economy to promote energy security and the imperative of implementing a comprehensive approach to combat climate change. Following a spirited debate, the resolution was adopted with 18 amendments.

The Second Committee took up three supplementary items. Environmental Challenges and Economic Opportunities in the High North, principally sponsored by Torstein Tvedt Solberg (MP, Norway), was adopted unamended. The compromise supplementary item Modernization of the System of National Contributions to the OSCE Budget, introduced by Roberto Battelli (MP, Slovenia), was adopted with one amendment. Responsibility to Combat Human Trafficking in Government Contracts for Goods and Services, sponsored by Chris Smith (United States), was adopted with five amendments.

The Third Committee began working on the draft resolution introduced by Rapporteur Gordana Comic (MP, Serbia) on Monday. Following a lively debate focused on gender issues, religious freedom and participating States' willingness to engage with the OSCE, the resolution was agreed to overwhelmingly with 26 amendments.

Marietta Tidei introduced Calling for Urgent Solutions to the Tragedy of Deaths in the Mediterranean, which was adopted following consideration of 13 amendments. The supplementary item Missing Persons in Connection with Armed Conflicts, principally sponsored by Kyriakos Hadjiyiannis (MP, Cyprus), was adopted with no amendments.

Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament in focus at side event



OSCE PA Vice-President Christine Muttonen speaks at the side event.

At a roundtable event on Tuesday co-hosted by the Austrian Delegation to the OSCE PA, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, participants discussed the current state of the nuclear threat in Europe and the Middle East, non-proliferation and disarmament efforts, and the ongoing negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programme.

OSCE PA Vice-President Christine Muttonen (MP, Austria) opened the discussion with some background on PNND, of which she serves as Co-President, and talked about what the

OSCE PA can do to advance nuclear disarmament. She noted that the First Committee had agreed to several amendments she introduced on nuclear risk reduction, stressing that the existence of nuclear weapons and their deployment by some participating States undermines the spirit of the OSCE.

Several senior members of the OSCE PA attended the event, discussing, inter alia, how to enhance public awareness of this issue, and how nuclear disarmament negotiations could be facilitated through the United Nations.

Programme ~ Wednesday, 8 July

09.00 – 11.00	First Committee (<i>Finlandia Hall</i>)
09.00 – 11.00	Third Committee (<i>Veranda Hall 1&2</i>)
11.00 – 11.30	Bureau Meeting (<i>Veranda Hall 3</i>)
11.30 – 16.00	Second Committee (<i>Veranda Hall 1&2</i>)
13.30 – 15.00	Gender Lunch (<i>Parliament Annex Bldg.</i>)
15.00 – 18.00	Plenary Session (<i>Finlandia Hall</i>)