



## **President's Conclusions: "Promoting Security Across the Euro-Mediterranean Region: The Role of the OSCE and its Partners"**

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) met for its 18th Autumn Meeting on 4-6 October 2019 in Marrakech, in the Kingdom of Morocco and capital city of the mid-southwestern region of Marrakech-Safi, under the theme "Promoting Security Across the Euro-Mediterranean Region: The Role of the OSCE and its Partners".

The Assembly is appreciative to the House of Councilors for hosting the Autumn Meeting and for the efforts made by the Kingdom of Morocco to enhance further the partnership with the OSCE. It is the first time in the PA's history that a statutory meeting was held in a Partners for Co-operation country.

The Mediterranean Forum on North-South co-operation models and economic connectivity and the parliamentary conference led to an exchange of good practices between the OSCE and African regional co-operation organizations. The conference also helped to better understand the challenges posed by climate change for the Euro-Mediterranean region and underlined the necessity to combat intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief. The outcome of those discussions will inform and help to guide the OSCE PA in its Mediterranean activities for years to come.

Following this important meeting, the OSCE PA will continue to actively support the OSCE's Mediterranean dimension from a parliamentary perspective, enhancing relations between the Organization's participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and among the Partners themselves.

Through ongoing dialogue and joint activities with the parliaments of Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation countries, the OSCE PA shares its expertise and provides insight into current developments and is open to reciprocal enrichment provided by them.

The following initiatives, raised in the context of the 18th Autumn Meeting in Marrakech, will serve as a basis for OSCE PA work in relation to Mediterranean affairs in the future:

- Continue the practice of having a Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs who is a prominent member of the Assembly, acting as the President's special envoy and focal point for activities concerning the Mediterranean Partners. Visits of the Special Representative to Mediterranean Partner countries will be further encouraged.
- The Partners are invited to participate in all OSCE PA conferences, affording a key opportunity for networking and the exchange of ideas with colleagues from the entire OSCE area.
- Parliamentarians from the Partners for Co-operation states are officially admitted in the Assembly's activities in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.
- The annual Mediterranean Forum, organized in the framework of the Autumn Meeting, is organized specially for the members of parliaments from Mediterranean countries to debate issues of direct concern to them. The Forum has been praised by participating States in several Ministerial-level documents of the OSCE.
- The integration of MPs from Mediterranean Partner countries in election observation missions offers the opportunity to study best practices and democratic processes in OSCE states.
- The OSCE PA will regularly organize meetings with the Chairmanship of the OSCE Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation. The Chair of the Contact Group is invited to address the annual Mediterranean Forum.
- Side meetings on the Mediterranean, involving parliamentarians and experts from the Partner States, can be organized on the margins of the Assembly's Annual Sessions.
- Efforts will be made to further integrate the input of parliamentarians from Mediterranean Partner countries into the work of the three General Committees and of the Ad Hoc Committees.
- Recalling the provisions of the Resolution on Mediterranean Co-operation adopted in Oslo in 2010, the OSCE PA will consider tabling a new draft resolution focusing on the Mediterranean Partnership for its 2020 Annual Session in Vancouver.

The OSCE PA will review the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Partnership during its 2020 Mediterranean Forum.

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