

PA's General Committees debate, amend and adopt resolutions



Voting in the First Committee on 1 July.



Voting in the Third Committee on 1 July.

The First Committee, chaired by Richard Hudson (United States), continued its consideration of the draft resolution authored by Rapporteur Tobias Winkler (Germany). Following a lively debate, the resolution was adopted with a total of 23 amendments. The committee moved on to consider the supplementary item on drugs and organized crime, principally sponsored by Eugenio Zoffili (Italy), which was adopted unamended. “Condemning the Weaponization of Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones,” principally sponsored by Susanna Campione (Italy), was adopted with three amendments. “Building a Comprehensive European Security Architecture against Aggression,” principally sponsored by Joe Wilson (United States), was adopted with two amendments.

Chaired by Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan), the Second Committee resumed work on the draft resolution authored by Gudrun Kugler (Austria). With seven amendments agreed to in total, the resolution was adopted with overwhelming support. The committee also considered its four supplementary items. The SI on climate change and water scarcity in Central Asia, principally sponsored by Special Representative on Central Asia Farah Karimi (Netherlands), was adopted unanimously. “Youth Perspectives on the Future

of International Relations, Multilateralism, and Sustainable Development,” principally sponsored by David Stogmuller (Austria), was adopted unamended. “Preventing Corruption from being used as a Foreign Policy Tool,” principally sponsored by Special Representative on Fighting Corruption Irene Charalambides (Cyprus), was adopted unanimously with no amendments. The SI on environmental protection in international armed conflicts, principally sponsored by Federica Onori (Italy), was amended and adopted with overwhelming support.

Chaired by Lucie Potuckova (Czechia), the Third Committee began work on the draft resolution authored by Malik Ben Achour (Belgium). Agreeing to a dozen amendments, the committee adopted the resolution overwhelmingly. Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration Daniela De Ridder (Germany) introduced the supplementary item “Strengthening Safe and Regular Pathways for Migration,” which was amended and adopted. “Strengthening Actions to Prevent Human Trafficking and Protecting Survivors to Prevent Re-Trafficking,” principally sponsored by Special Representative on Human Trafficking Issues Chris Smith (United States), was adopted with two amendments.

Side events focus on youth, Ukraine, South East Europe, and more

Several side events took place on Monday covering thematic and regional issues such as economic connectivity, youth participation in the OSCE PA, inter-parliamentary co-operation in South East Europe, and enforcing support for the displaced people of Ukraine.

Hosted by the Delegations of Ukraine, Romania and Norway, a side event was held on internally displaced persons in Ukraine. Drawing on experiences of Ukrainian and international initiatives, the event featured a lively discussion among OSCE parliamentarians on how to support Ukrainian IDPs.

OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) chaired a meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of Delegations from South East Europe, which focused on the topic of depopulation and “brain drain” in the region. Experts from Romania described the measures taken by the national authorities to stem the migration of young people while members of OSCE PA Delegations from the region stressed the importance of uniting their countries in the face of these common challenges.

The OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians also met, focusing on fostering co-operation in energy, environment, and digitalization. Co-hosted by Christine Thelmann (Romania) and Chair of the Network David



Pia Kauma, Kyriakos Hadjiyianni, Roberto Montella and Sherif Abdili at the SEE event on 1 July

Stogmuller (Austria), the event included participation from the Romanian parliament and government. The Silk Road Support Group, chaired by Azay Guliyev, met for discussions on promoting connectivity and the green energy transition in the OSCE area.

President Kauma held several bilateral meetings on Monday, including with the delegations of Albania, Azerbaijan, Canada, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, and the United Kingdom. She also met with Dr. Kari Johnstone, OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

Also on Monday, Special Representative on Fighting Corruption Irene Charalambides (Cyprus) met Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Bakyt Dzhusupov on the sidelines of the Annual Session to discuss areas of co-operation between the parliamentary and governmental sides of the OSCE.