

OSCE PA General Committees debate draft resolutions



First Committee



Second Committee



Third Committee

Opening the meeting of the First Committee, Chair Marc Veasey (United States) noted that the Assembly is meeting at a critical moment for the OSCE region, emphasizing that the decisions of OSCE participating States in the coming months will affect the future of Europe's core security principles for generations to come.

The presentation of Rapporteur Tobias Winkler (Germany) stressed that the OSCE area continues to face an uncertain and unstable security environment, highlighting the war in Ukraine as the main challenge, but also noting growing risks in the Arctic and High North, Middle East instability, threats to critical infrastructure, election interference, and vulnerabilities in energy and supply chains.

Several members took the floor highlighting issues including diplomacy, artificial intelligence, hybrid threats and the impact of technological developments on democratic processes and collective security. The committee will take up work amending the draft resolution on Monday.

In his remarks opening the Second Committee, Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) noted that the Ukraine war is marked by daily strikes on civilian infrastructure, energy system destruction, and wide impacts on food security, the environment, and reconstruction. Meanwhile, disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz show how regional conflicts swiftly threaten global energy markets, supply chains, and food security. Both conflicts, he said, highlight the vital importance of protecting resilient connectivity.

Rapporteur Paula Cardoso (Portugal) presented her draft resolution, stressing that the OSCE confronts mounting challenges that call into question 50 years of achievements. She noted that the OSCE must renew its principles with stronger funding and political will and highlighted the growing competition for access to key resources and materials, noting that economic and security policies are becoming deeply intertwined.

In the discussion, members welcomed the report as comprehensive and forward-looking. The committee will begin amending the resolution on Monday.

In the Third Committee, Chair Sargis Khandanyan (Armenia) opened the meeting by reflecting on the challenges concerning the human dimension. He mentioned in particular the human cost of the war against Ukraine, the humanitarian situation in the Middle East, and democratic backsliding in the OSCE region.

Introducing her report and draft resolution, Rapporteur Carina Ödebrink (Sweden) noted that the human dimension is not separate from security, but in fact is one of its essential pillars. In this regard, her draft resolution focuses on priorities such as the state of democracy, fundamental freedoms, the growing impact of emerging technologies, and the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

In the discussion, members welcomed the report and highlighted additional areas for consideration. The committee will begin amending the resolution on Monday.

MPs discuss gender and youth issues, migration, counter-terrorism, international law and Ukraine

The Gender Lunch opened Sunday with remarks by Head of the Dutch Delegation Farah Karimi, OSCE PA Special Representative on Gender Issues Hedy Fry (Canada), President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) and Secretary General Roberto Montella. The event explored how governments and parliaments can support a comprehensive approach to gender equality, with a focus on how national practices can address gender gaps.

Led by Chair Farah Karimi (Netherlands), members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration visited the Fenix Museum in Rotterdam, exploring themes of identity, home, and belonging.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, chaired by Kamil Aydın (Türkiye), met for discussions on the evolving terrorist threat, including online radicalization of youth and nihilistic movements. Committee Vice-Chair Emanuele Loperfido (Italy) discussed his recent participation in the UNOCT's High-Level Conference of Counter-Terrorism Agencies in New York, which was followed by presentations from counter-terrorism specialists Tamara Jopp, from the Dutch Ministry of Justice and

Security, and Thomas Renard, Director of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague.

The Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine, chaired by Nancy Faeser (Germany), met for a discussion on war crimes committed by the Russian Federation, with presentations from a range of OSCE PA, Ukrainian and international representatives. Earlier in the day, a side event was held bringing attention to the cases of Dmytro Shabanov, Maksym Petrov and Vadym Golda, three OSCE staff unjustly held in captivity since 2022, with participation of the detainees' loved ones.

Another side event was held on Sunday with a dedicated discussion on upholding international law in the Palestinian territories. The event was sponsored by Lynn Ruane (Ireland) and included presentations by a range of academics and experts.

The OSCE PA's Network of Young Parliamentarians, chaired by Lucija Tacer Perlin (Slovenia), also met on Sunday, with discussions focusing on recent activities, modalities for institutionalizing the network, and ongoing efforts to advance the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.