

News from Copenhagen



Assembly to debate 15 Supplementary Items



Delegations have submitted a total of fifteen Supplementary Items for consideration by the Assembly, in addition to the three Draft Resolutions prepared by the Committee Rapporteurs. All documents have been sent out to Delegations, and are also available on our website at: www.oscepa.org.

01. Risk Management (Belgium)
02. Small Arms and Light Weapons (Belgium)
03. Enhancing the Role and Increasing Efficiency of the OSCE PA (Georgia)
04. Strengthening Effective Parliamentary Oversight of Security and Intelligence Agencies (Slovenia)
05. Forming a Global System of Warning and Eliminating Consequences of Natural Disasters (Russian Federation)
06. Moldova (Finland)
07. Combating Trafficking and the Exploitation of Children in Pornography (USA)
08. Monitoring of Social Development in the OSCE Region (Germany)
09. Combating Anti-Semitism (Germany)
10. Improving the Implementation of OSCE Electoral Standards and Commitments and the Effectiveness of OSCE Election Observation Activities (Germany)
11. Co-operation with Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations (Germany)
12. Limiting Immunity for Parliamentarians in order to Strengthen Good Governance, Public Integrity and Rule of Law in the OSCE Region (USA)
13. Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (Canada)
14. Afghanistan (Canada)
15. Funding for Positions of Advisors in the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Unit of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (USA)

Kimmo Kiljunen visits Moldova, urging parliamentary dialogue

Kimmo Kiljunen, Head of the PA's Parliamentary Team on Moldova, visited Chisinau and Tiraspol on 12-14 June. Mr. Kiljunen's visit was aimed at supporting constructive dialogue regarding a Transdnistria settlement through improved parliamentary co-operation and developing a common draft resolution on Moldova for the upcoming Session in Brussels.

Mr. Kiljunen met with the Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament, Marian Lupu, the Head of the Moldovan Delegation to the OSCE PA, Sergiu Stati, and the leadership of other parliamentary factions. In Tiraspol, Mr. Kiljunen met with the Speaker of the Transdnistrian Supreme Soviet, Evgeni Shevchuk, and the deputy chief negotiator, Ruslan Slobodeniuk, as well as representatives of media and civil society.

On behalf of the OSCE PA Team on Moldova, Mr. Kiljunen expressed concern about the lack of progress in the negotiations on the settlement of the status of the Transdnistrian region. He expressed the team's hope that "improved dialogue at the parliamentary level will provide the necessary political climate to support the negotiations on the status of the Transdnistria region" and expedite the conflict settlement.

The visit was organized with the assistance of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. From the International Secretariat, the Team was accompanied by Programme Officer Anna Chernova.

PA Secretary General meets with OSCE Ambassadors

On 15 June Secretary General Spencer Oliver travelled to Vienna to hold meetings with a number of Ambassadors to the OSCE Permanent Council. The visit was organized primarily to discuss issues with regard to the upcoming Annual Session, particularly concerning the Assembly's election observation activities.

Mr. Oliver met with the Ambassador of the Belgian OSCE Chairmanship, the Ambassadors of Spain (upcoming OSCE Chairmanship in 2007), Finland (upcoming OSCE Chairmanship in 2008), Austria (EU Chairmanship), Denmark, and the Russian Federation. The meetings were organized by Ambassador Andreas Nothelle from the PA Liaison Office in Vienna.

Reminders

All Delegations are reminded of the following deadlines, in conjunction with the Brussels Annual Session:

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| 19 June: | Amendments to Draft Resolutions |
| 26 June: | Amendments to Supplementary Items |