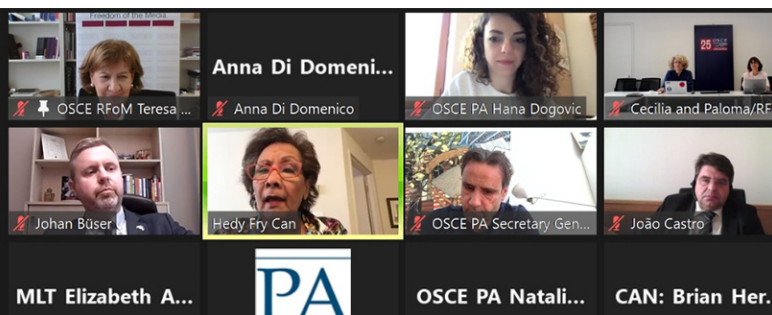


Online violence against female journalists in focus at OSCE PA-RFoM webinar



The OSCE PA and the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM) held a joint webinar on 7 June, bringing together a diverse group of parliamentarians, diplomats and civil society from the OSCE region for a discussion of the role national parliaments can play in monitoring and combating online violence against female journalists and politicians.

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Teresa Ribeiro welcomed participants, stressing the importance of collective action in tackling gender-based online attacks against jour-

nalists. She also previewed a new tool being developed by her office for monitoring online violence against female journalists. The Guidelines for Monitoring Online Violence Against Female Journalists will help to detect, predict and ultimately prevent the escalation of online violence against women journalists, Ribeiro said.

OSCE PA Special Representative on Gender Issues Hedy Fry (Canada) highlighted the role of parliamentarians to ensure that journalists are able to inform the public, and to do so safely. Parliaments, she said, can also help the public gain a better understanding of online violence against women journalists, including by promoting the collection of data on internet-based violence.

Third Committee Johan Büser spoke about the importance of countering online violence against women from a human rights perspective and emphasized the value of the OSCE PA as an international parliamentary forum in addressing the issue. Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Computer Science at the University of Sheffield Diana Maynard presented the OSCE Guidelines for Monitoring Online Violence Against Female Journalists, followed by a brief discussion with participants.

President Cederfelt meets with Albanian Speaker and colleagues at Swedish Parliament

OSCE PA President Margareta Cederfelt met Monday with the President of the Albanian Parliament, Lindita Nikolla, who was accompanied by the President of the Law Commission Klotilda Bushka and Vice-President Dhurata Çupi. The sides exchanged views on the progress of Albania's electoral reform and implementation of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations, and discussed Tirana's co-operation with the OSCE, including through its engagement with the OSCE Presence in Albania. Cederfelt welcomed Albania's reform efforts, as well as its efforts fighting corruption and organized crime.

They also discussed developments in the Western Balkans, stressing the need to guarantee the future of security and peace in the region. The Russian Federation's war against Ukraine was



Dhurata Çupi, Margareta Cederfelt, Lindita Nikolla and Klotilda Bushka in Stockholm, 12 June 2023

also a subject of discussion, with President Cederfelt underlining the importance of the OSCE, international organizations and the international community supporting Ukraine's defence.

Upcoming webinar on UN's Youth, Peace and Security agenda

On Thursday, 15 June, the OSCE PA will host a Parliamentary Web Dialogue, initiated by OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Farah Karimi, that will provide an opportunity for OSCE PA Members to hear from experts and professionals about the UN's Youth, Peace and Security agenda. Parliamentarians will discuss the implementation of UNSCR 2250 and share their national best practices. For more information or to watch the livestream, please click here: <https://bit.ly/43BNJGH>

CCT Chair Lopatka meets with Head of the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit



Irfan Saeed meets with Reinhold Lopatka in Vienna, 13 June 2023

Reinhold Lopatka, Chair of the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT), met Tuesday with the Head of the OSCE's Action against Terrorism Unit, Irfan Saeed. In the co-ordination meeting, Lopatka and Saeed discussed building capacity in the prevention of violent extremism, with Saeed welcoming enhanced parliamentary engagement on the issue, particularly the focus on FTFs and protecting vulnerable targets, as well as strengthening support for victims of terrorism.

Featured tweets @oscepa



Azay Guliyev
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As chair of @oscepa Environmental Committee, I extend our condolences to #Kazakhstan & #Canada over casualties from forest fires & urge @OSCE countries to join forces to halt these fires and prevent future one. Unprecedented #wildfires manifest our concern towards #GlobalWarming

Responding to the wildfires taking place in Kazakhstan and Canada, OSCE PA Second Committee Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) tweeted a message of condolences on Monday and recalled the PA's concerns over global warming. "As chair of @oscepa Environmental Committee," Guliyev wrote, "I extend our condolences to #Kazakhstan & #Canada over casualties from forest fires."