

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

Dublin

Wednesday 05 December 2012

3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m. with Mr. Riccardo MIGLIORI (Italy), President of OSCE PA, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. Opening Remarks by Mr. Riccardo MIGLIORI, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The President opened the meeting of the Bureau.

4. Information on the participation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the 19th OSCE Ministerial Council, 6 – 7 December 2012

Mr. PALLARES (Deputy Secretary General) informed the Bureau about the logistical arrangements for the Bureau Members during the Ministerial Council.

5. Report by the Treasurer of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. BATTELLI (Treasurer) presented the Treasurer's Report, and informed the Bureau about the status of the Auditor's Report for the 20th financial year.

6. Report by the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General) presented his report. As part of Mr. OLIVER's report, Ambassador NOTHELLE informed the Bureau of the state of negotiations in the 2012 Ministerial Council.

The following spoke in relation to points 3-6:

Speakers: Ms. ZAPF (Germany), Mr. GROSSRUCK (Austria), Mr. NERI (France), Mr. STYLIANIDES (Cyprus), Ms. POZUELO (Spain), Mr. MECACCI (Italy), Mr. SHEVCHUK (Ukraine), Ms. AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan), Mr. NERI (France), Mr. TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. MIGLIORI (President)

7. Reports on Recent Election Observation Missions

Election Observation Mission in Georgia

Mr. PICULA (Croatia) reported on this election observation mission, which took place on October 1, 2012.

Election Observation Mission in Montenegro

Mr. BATTELI (Treasurer) reported on this election observation mission, which took place on October 14, 2012.

Election Observation Mission in Ukraine

Mr. MECACCI (Italy) read the main points from Ms. HABSBURG DOUGLAS' statement concerning the elections, which took place October 28, 2012.

Election Observation Mission in the USA

Mr. SOARES (Portugal) reported on this recent election observation, which took place on November 6, 2012.

Following the reports on election observation, Mr. MIGLIORI told the Bureau that due to the continuous failure of the ODIHR to observe the 1997 Co-operation Agreement and their consistent efforts to undermine the parliamentary leadership of election observation, he intended to announce in his speech to the Ministerial Council that the 1997 Co-operation Agreement was no longer valid. Mr. MIGLIORI referred to the remarks he had made in Warsaw in September, in Tirana at the Standing Committee meeting, and subsequently to the Permanent Council in Vienna. The report from Mr. Soares and participants in the U.S. election observation mission clearly showed that the ODIHR had effectively renounced the Co-operation Agreement by their own behaviour.

Mr. MIGLIORI then asked for the support of the Bureau Members and asked for any comments on the remarks he intended to make to the Ministerial Council.

Mr. GROSSRUCK, Mr. BATTELLI and Mr. PICULA, all of whom had led recent election observation missions, expressed their full support for Mr.

MIGLIORI's position based on their experience as leaders of several election observation missions.

Mr. MECACCI and Ms. POZUELO expressed their support but also expressed their concern about the consequences of such a decision.

Mr. NERI, Ms. SANTOS, Ms. AKNAZAROVA, and Mr. SHEVCHUK expressed their full support.

Mr. MIGLIORI thanked the Bureau for their support and asked if there were any objections to his intentions. There were no objections.

Speakers: Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General), Mr. SOARES (Portugal), Mr. MIGLIORI (President), Mr. NERI (France), Mr. SHEVCHUK (Ukraine), Mr. GROSSRUCK (Austria), Ms. POZUELO (Spain), Mr. MECACCI (Italy), Ms. SANTOS (Portugal), Mr. BATELLI (Treasurer), Mr. PICULA (Croatia), Ms. AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan), Ambassador NOTHELLE (Special Representative), Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General), Mr. MIGLIORI (PRESIDENT)

8. Modalities for the inclusion of the Parliament of Mongolia in the OSCE PA following Mongolia's accession to the OSCE as the 57th participating State

The President announced the decision to give Mongolia three seats within the OSCE PA.

9. Any Other Business

The President gave thanks to Mr. SHEVCHUK for his service to the OSCE PA.

Speakers: Mr. SHEVCHUK (Ukraine)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.