The Special Representative on Gender Issues monitors and reports to the Assembly on the gender situation within both the OSCE region and the Assembly to keep the gender issue high on the agenda of OSCE parliamentarians.

**Mandate**

- Monitor the gender situation within the OSCE governmental structures, including in the Institutions and Field Missions, and report to the President of the Assembly.
- Raise gender awareness and develop a gender-sensitive and engaging working framework within the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and its International Secretariat.
- Promote discussion of gender issues within the OSCE and in particular the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.
- Co-operate with the OSCE in the organization of relevant activities.
- Draft reports on specific issues of concern in the region.

Dr. Hedy Fry was appointed the OSCE PA’s Special Representative on Gender Issues by PA President Petros Efthymiou in October 2010, and she has been reappointed in the following years. First elected to the Canadian parliament from Vancouver-Centre in 1993, she served as Secretary of State for the Status of Women and Multiculturalism for seven years, and is now the longest-serving female member of parliament in Canadian history. Her work focuses on women’s equality, social policy, arts and culture, homelessness, and the rights of the LGBT community.

- **2021 Annual Report** on “Violence Against Women Journalists and Politicians: A Growing Crisis”
- **2019 Annual Report** on “Gender Mainstreaming and Intersectional Analysis of Key Issues Affecting the OSCE Region: Conflict, Migration and Climate Change”
- **2018 Annual Report** on “Taking Urgent Action in the OSCE Region to End Gender-Based Violence”
- **2017 Annual Report** on “Gender and the Integration of Refugees and Migrants”
- **2016 Annual Report** on “A Gender Sensitive Response to the Migrant and Refugee Influx in Europe is Needed”
- **2015 Annual Report** on “Gender and the Future Development of the OSCE”

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