

**Report of the OSCE PA Special Representative on Central Asia**

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to the 24th OSCE PA Winter Meeting**

*(Vienna, 20-21 February 2025)*

Dear Colleagues,

This second year of my mandate has been a busy one during which I have built upon three priority areas of action which we identified together with colleagues from the OSCE PA delegations of Central Asia and also based on discussions with OSCE counterparts:

- Mitigating the impacts of climate change and water scarcity
- Enhancing the participation of women and youth in public life
- Fostering parliamentary diplomacy and regional co-operation

**Resolution and Side-Event on “Mitigating the Impacts of Climate Change and Water Scarcity (July 2024)”**

At the Annual Session in Bucharest, the resolution which we drafted together with the input of the Central Asian OSCE PA delegations and which was also in large part based on the visits to Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in April 2024, was unanimously adopted as part of the Bucharest Declaration<sup>1</sup>.

This **resolution on “Addressing the Multifaceted Impacts of Climate Change and Water Scarcity in the Central Asian Region through Enhanced Regional Co-operation and Parliamentary Dialogue”** focusses on the major challenges which the countries of Central Asia are currently facing and how they are being addressed, highlighting achievements as well as challenges which remain. It puts forth specific recommendations as to how these can be addressed by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, developing effective adaptation strategies, mobilizing the necessary financial resources and fostering international collaboration. It also

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<sup>1</sup> Bucharest Declaration and Resolutions adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the Thirty-First Annual Session, Bucharest, 29 June – 3 July 2024, at:  
<https://www.oscepa.org/en/documents/annual-sessions/2024-bucharest/declaration-30>

highlights examples of 'good practice' and innovative approaches which are of relevance beyond the Central Asian region.

I also hosted a **side-event** on 2 July to draw attention to the urgent climate and water challenges facing Central Asia, to emphasize the importance of regional co-operation and the OSCE's support for the region and to discuss how parliamentary actions can foster sustainable solutions for climate resilience and water security. I would like to thank all Members who contributed as well as our speakers: Amb. Bakyt Dzhusupov, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), Amb. Askhat Orazbay, Chairman of Executive Committee of International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, Dr. Volker Frobarth, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, and last but not least Vice-President Pere Joan Pons, Special Representative on Climate Change.

I encourage you to read this resolution carefully, if you have not already done so, and to approach me or the Central Asian delegations if you have specific ideas as to how you and your parliament can contribute to its implementation and exchange of know-how. OSCE parliamentarians can also play a crucial role in spearheading initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and to address water scarcity, through legislative action, policy implementation, parliamentary oversight and fostering international co-operation.

One particular area where exchanges would be particularly fruitful is in the area of water-saving technologies. Such technologies are particularly necessary in the countries dealing with the Aral Sea disaster, which directly impacts Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, and indirectly impacts other countries in the region. The clean energy transition is another area where the countries of the region are keen to embrace, while bearing in mind the need to ensure that it is equitable, just, inclusive and effective.

We must also strive to ensure that citizens across the OSCE region are well informed and educated about the causes and impacts of climate change as well as human-made environmental disasters.

In September I presented a report on the April 2024 visits to Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (5-12 April 2024) to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Netherlands in which I presented the highlights of our discussions. Following this report, the Standing Committee of the Parliament requested an official response from the government. In his response dated 18 November 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Caspar Veldcamp agreed with my assessment that of cross-border co-operation is crucial for water management and shared our concerns about the disappearance of the Aral Sea on the border of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, the construction of the Qosh Tepa Canal in northern Afghanistan, and the recent drop in sea level in the Caspian Sea. He also recalled that the Dutch government deployed a Disaster Risk Reduction and Surge Support Team after the floods in Kazakhstan in April 2024.

The Minister furthermore stated that the government of The Netherlands is committed to increased political relationships with the Central Asian governments as well as strengthened water co-operation and economic ties. The Dutch government also pays attention to the rule of law, human rights and gender equality. He also commended the engagement of the OSCE in Central Asia, including through the provision of technical expertise by the OCEEA and the work of OSCE field operations. Minister Veldcamp also stressed the importance of the EU's efforts, as bilateral relations are limited.

### **Joint Meeting of Central Asian Delegations (Dublin, 3 October 2024)**

On 3 October, on the sidelines of the Autumn Meeting in Dublin, we continued the practice of hosting a joint meeting for the Central Asian PA delegations. We discussed the Bucharest side-event held and how to further build on the resolution. One area of focus was how to promote regional parliamentary co-operation and I suggested learning more about other regional parliamentary assemblies such as the Benelux Parliament (which brings together 49 members delegated by the parliaments of Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg) and the Nordic Council. A project proposal is currently being drafted to fund a delegation of OSCE PA Central Asian MPs to travel to The Hague and Brussels in November 2025 to learn more about the Benelux parliament and to interact with the relevant EU and European Parliament actors.

We also discussed how to follow up on the resolution adopted in Bucharest and agreed that this should be the initiative of Central Asian members and that we, as the OSCE PA, stand ready to facilitate this process.

### **Second Ashgabat Conference (27-28 November 2024)**

The parliament of Turkmenistan hosted a second conference from 27-28 November 2024 on the theme of "Parliamentary Diplomacy in the OSCE Area: Dialogue as a Tool for Building Bridges for a Secure and Peaceful Future". This was a follow-up to the Call for Action – Helsinki+50 Central Asia regional seminar on "The Role of Neutral States in Strengthening Security, Stability and Dialogue in the OSCE Area" held in Ashgabat on 16 May 2023.

This second conference brought together over 100 participants, including parliamentarians from 18 OSCE participating States, international experts, government representatives and high-level stakeholders to explore the role of parliamentary diplomacy in addressing pressing global challenges and securing the interests of future generations. Co-organized by the Mejlis of Turkmenistan and the OSCE PA, the conference proved instrumental in highlighting the importance of multilateralism, trust-building, and inclusive dialogue for advancing the foundations for a peaceful and secure future, aligned with the commitments made at the UN Summit of the Future and the ongoing work of the OSCE PA.

Divided into three thematic sessions, speakers addressed the transformative potential of parliamentary diplomacy for bridging divides, facilitating constructive engagement, and promoting mutual understanding as tools for conflict resolution and stability within and beyond the OSCE region. Participants underscored the responsibility of parliamentarians to act decisively to protect the environment, safeguard the interests of future generations, and ensure that forward-looking legislation is implemented effectively at national and regional levels. The conference also highlighted the need of engaging young people in decision-making and bridging gaps in perspectives and priorities between generations through dialogue and collaboration.

The Ashgabat conference built on key initiatives, including the outcomes of the UN Summit of the Future, the Helsinki +50 Conference, and the OSCE PA's Resolution on Future Generations. It provided a platform for actionable dialogue on pressing global challenges and reaffirmed the importance of parliamentary diplomacy in promoting peace, security, and sustainability for future generations.

I had the honour to moderate session 1 on "Parliamentary Diplomacy in the OSCE Area: Building a Strong Foundation for Lasting International Peace and Security Through Dialogue and Cooperation". This session emphasized the importance of multilateralism, trust-building, and inclusive dialogue to address global challenges and create a stable and prosperous future for all. Parliamentary diplomacy was highlighted as a bridge to foster connections and advance mutual understanding, particularly in addressing transnational issues such as climate change, migration, and human trafficking. The session underscored the potential of parliamentary initiatives to lay the groundwork for durable peace and stability, particularly within the OSCE region and Central Asia.

In the second session on "Addressing the Adverse Impacts and Consequences of Climate Change to Ensure the Wellbeing of Future Generations" speakers and experts addressed the urgent and multifaceted challenges of climate crisis as one of the most significant security threats to future generations. The discussions focused on how the accelerating impacts of climate change, such as rising global temperatures, melting ice caps, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events, are driving broader global challenges, creating risks for human security, regional stability, global peace, and the wellbeing of communities worldwide. The critical responsibility of parliamentarians to respond to this crisis through forward-thinking and decisive legislative action was also emphasized.

"Ensuring Equal Opportunities: Role of Young People and Intergenerational Solidarity in Building a Prosperous Future" was the focus of the third session which brought together a panel of experts, policymakers, and youth representatives to discuss the role of young people and intergenerational solidarity in building a prosperous and sustainable future. This session highlighted how collaboration across generations can address current challenges such as climate change,

technological advancements, and social inequalities. The session also provided a platform to share best practices in youth engagement from across the OSCE region, with a special focus on Central Asia.

The Conference concluded with a call for unified, urgent, and sustained efforts to strengthen parliamentary diplomacy as a vital tool for fostering peace, stability, and cooperation. Key recommendations included:

- Promoting Trust, Dialogue, and Institutional Cooperation
- Strengthening Parliamentary Diplomacy and Engagement
- Advancing Legislative Reforms for Resilience and Equity
- Building Resilience to Climate Change
- Advancing Climate Action, Energy Transition, and Green Infrastructure
- Empowering Youth and Women in Governance
- Integrating Future-Oriented Policies and Youth Perspectives
- Facilitating Multilateral and Cross-Border Youth Collaboration

I encourage you to read the comprehensive report on this event which was shared by the OSCE PA International Secretariat and can also be accessed on the OSCE PA website.<sup>2</sup>

### **Visit to Turkmenistan (26 November 2024)**

Prior to the Second Ashgabat Conference, on 26 November, President Kauma and I met with the Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan, H.E. Ms. Dunyagozel Gulmanova and members of parliament. Chairperson Gulmanova recognized the OSCE PA as a vital platform for addressing shared challenges and highlighted Turkmenistan's contributions in areas such as youth engagement, gender equality, and climate change. Many ideas for further engagement were discussed including a continuation of the Ashgabat conferences as well as possible thematic focuses.

We also met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rashid Meredov who highlighted the "new atmosphere" in Central Asia, emphasizing increased regional co-operation and new emerging formats for this co-operation such as the regular annual Consultative Meetings of Central Asian Heads of State. Minister Meredov emphasized the important role played by the OSCE in this regard. The challenging security situation in the world requires Central Asian states to demonstrate new ways of addressing issues, he noted. On the topic of Afghanistan, while recognizing the importance of upholding human rights in Afghanistan, especially the rights of women and girls, he stressed that there was a need for a more pragmatic approach in working with *de-facto* authorities in Afghanistan.

We also visited the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat where Amb. MacGregor and his staff provided an overview of the activities of the Centre. We were informed that requests for expert support have increased as a result of the growing profile of

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.oscepa.org/en/documents/seminars-a-conferences/5140-osce-pa-highlights-ii-ashgabat-conference-27-28-november-2024/file>

the OSCE in Turkmenistan. There has been a record number of high-level visits and events over the past three years including visits of the OSCE Secretary General, OSCE Chair-in-Office and OSCE PA President and OSCE Ministerial-level events related to the environment. Turkmenistan and the OSCE have also jointly hosted a record number of regional Central Asia events at the working level. Amb. MacGregor also acknowledged the role of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in elevating the profile of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat and its professional efforts to advance OSCE commitments in Turkmenistan.

### **Central Asia & Türkiye Youth Talks (Istanbul, 12-16 August 2024)**

Last August I again had the opportunity to engage with young people from the region by contributing to the Central Asia & Türkiye Youth Talks in Istanbul, organized by OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe together with the World Bank. This event provided 30 young people from the five Central Asian countries a platform to share their views, ideas, and achievements and foster mutual learning and development in their communities. Participants discussed topics of regional and global significance and the role young people can play in such areas as digitalization and exploring ways in which digital technologies can contribute to sustainable and resilient development; social entrepreneurship and innovation; and accelerating gender equality to end poverty on a liveable planet, as well as strengthening youth dialogue and development of networking platforms for the future development.

My role was to brief the participants on the OSCE and its work with youth and for youth, such as the OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians and the Special Representative on Youth Engagement.

### **Upcoming Activities**

In the coming months I plan to visit two Central Asian countries which I have not yet visited in my capacity as Special Representative.

As a visit to **Tajikistan** is being planned by the OSCE PA at the end of April as part of a recent initiative to enable PA Members to learn more about the important work of OSCE Field Operations, I will join the delegation led by President Kauma. I look forward to learning more about the activities of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (POiD) and the Border Staff Management College. Meetings with the relevant high-level national authorities have also been requested. We hope that a new delegation of Tajikistan to the OSCE PA will have been appointed by then, following the 2 and 28 March elections to the lower and upper chambers of parliament respectively.

I will also travel to **Kyrgyzstan** on a bilateral visit immediately before going to Tajikistan, and plan to meet with relevant national authorities and staff of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek.

I also look forward to returning to the OSCE Academy, an institute of which I am particularly fond of, and to meet its new Director. The OSCE Academy recently launched a Master of Arts Programme in Human Rights and Sustainability, the only one in the region. The programme started in September 2023 and the first students will graduate in February 2025. The OSCE PA International Secretariat has a Memorandum of Understanding with the OSCE Academy to hire research assistants for a period of 6 months. I would also encourage you to look into offering short-term internships to these young committed people as this is part of the requirement for their degrees.

I will continue to advocate for the excellent work which the OSCE Field Operations are carrying out in Central Asia. In each of the countries of Central Asia which I have visited in my current or previous capacities, OSCE Field Operation are seen as crucial partners by host governments in strengthening democratic institutions and building resilient societies.

I am also exploring ways to engage with colleagues from the delegation of **Mongolia** during OSCE PA statutory meetings and look forward to visiting when the opportunity may arise.

At the **Winter Meeting** on 21 February, we will meet again with the Central Asian delegations to discuss the follow up to the resolution on “Addressing the Multifaceted Impacts of Climate Change and Water Scarcity in the Central Asian Region through Enhanced Regional Co-operation and Parliamentary Dialogue”. The concrete results/initiatives will be presented at the **2025 Annual Session**.

I am also planning a new **Supplementary Item** for discussion in Porto on the topic of Parliamentary Dialogue and Future Generations, building on the outcomes of the November 2024 Ashgabat Conference.

As mentioned earlier, I hope to also facilitate a **study visit to The Hague and Brussels** next November for a delegation of about ten Central Asian MPs to learn more about the Benelux Parliament and European Institutions as an example of how to foster regional interparliamentary co-operation.

There are also burgeoning initiatives to build stronger ties and foster dialogue between women MPs in the region with the aim to advance women's economic, social, and political empowerment in Central Asia and across the Asian continent. There are also initiatives to connect women parliamentarians in preventing and countering violent extremism. I will continue to monitor these developments and try to make suggestions on how we can support these efforts.

While there are no election observation activities planned for Central Asia in 2025, I encourage Members of the Delegations of Central Asia and Mongolia to join upcoming OSCE PA election observation missions, including to Albania (11 May parliamentary elections). Election observation is one of our flagship activities that allows parliamentarians to not only contribute to the important democratic processes with their unique political experience, but also learn about electoral systems and international standards in the OSCE area.

I look forward to reporting to you again in Porto.

## Annex I

### OSCE PA Special Representative on Central Asia



#### FARAH KARIMI (NETHERLANDS)

Farah Karimi (Netherlands) was appointed as the Special Representative on Central Asia by OSCE PA President Pia Kauma in September 2023.

Karimi is the Head of the Netherlands delegation and has previously served as the Special Representative on Youth Engagement.

#### ***Mandate:***

- Encourage active participation by parliamentarians from Central Asian OSCE participating States (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and Mongolia in the work of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to strengthen parliamentarism in the region;
- Liaise and support the work of the OSCE field missions in the region, as well as relevant OSCE institutions, international and regional organizations and diplomatic missions;
- Encourage closer contacts between the parliaments in the region to promote greater intra-regional cooperation in all three OSCE dimensions;
- Report to the President of the Assembly on developments in the region, including opportunities for enhanced parliamentary dialogue and further inter-parliamentary co-operation among the Central Asian OSCE participating States and Mongolia.

## **Annex II**

### **Implemented Activities (Sep. 2023 – Feb. 2025)**

*(as of 10 February 2025)*

#### **I. Engagement with PA Delegations and Other Stakeholders**

##### **A. Bilateral Meetings with PA Delegations from Central Asia and Mongolia**

- Uzbekistan (*online, 25 September 2023*):
  - Mr. Sodiq SAFOEV, Head of Delegation
  - Mr. Ravshanbek ALIMOV, Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Dilorom FAYZIEVA, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Nodir JUMAEV, Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Malika KADIRXANOVA, Member of Delegation
- Mongolia (*online, 25 September 2023*):
  - Mr. Tsogtbaatar DAMDIN, Head of Delegation
- Turkmenistan (*online, 25 October 2023*):
  - Ms. Dunyagozel GULMANOVA, Speaker of the Mejlis, Head of Delegation
  - Mr. Begmurat MUHAMEDOV, Member of Delegation
- Tajikistan (*online, 25 October 2023*):
  - Mr. Saidmurod FATTOHZODA, Head of Delegation

##### **B. Joint Meetings of PA Delegations from Central Asia and Mongolia**

###### **1. OSCE PA Autumn Meeting (Yerevan, 19 November 2023)**

- Kyrgyz Republic:
  - Mr. Temirlan MARISHOV, Secretary of Delegation
  - Ms. Guljamal TOKOMBAEVA, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek
- Kazakhstan:
  - Mr. Zhanbolat ZHORGENBAYEV, Alternate Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Zhanna SAGINOVA, Secretary of Delegation
- Tajikistan:
  - Mr. Najibullo OKILZODA, Secretary of Delegation
  - Ms. Nigina ABDULLAEVA, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
- Turkmenistan:
  - Mr. Begmurat MUHAMEDOV, Member of Delegation, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee
  - Mr. Batyr BAYLYYEV, Member of Delegation
  - Ms Menli DIVANOVA, Member of Delegation
- Uzbekistan:
  - Ms. Malika KADIRXANOVA, Acting Head of Delegation (Member of Delegation)
  - Mr. Nodir TILAVOLDIEV, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Ildar AZIZOV, Secretary of Delegation

## **2. OSCE PA Winter Meeting (Vienna, 22 February 2024)**

- Kyrgyz Republic:
  - Mr. Daniyar TOLONOV, Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Aigul AIDAROVA, Alternate Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Zamirbek MAMASADYKOV, Alternate Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Temirlan MARISHOV, Secretary of Delegation
  - Ms. Guljamal TOKOMBAEVA, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek
- Kazakhstan:
  - Ms. Ainur Argynbekova, Alternate Member of Delegation
- Tajikistan:
  - Ms. Nigina ABDULLAEVA, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
- Turkmenistan:
  - Mr. Yusupguly ESHAYEV, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Gurbanmyrat GORMEKOV, Alternate Member of Delegation
- Uzbekistan:
  - Mr. Ravshanbek ALIMOV, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Nodir JUMAEV, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Ildar AZIZOV, Secretary of Delegation

## **3. OSCE PA Annual Session (Bucharest, 2 July 2024)**

### **Side event on “Climate Change and Water Scarcity in Central Asia”**

#### Speakers:

- Ambassador Bakyt DZHUSUPOV, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)
- Ambassador Askhat ORAZBAY, Chairman of Executive Committee of International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
- Dr. Volker FROBARTH, Head of OSCE Programme Office in Astana
- Mr. Pere Joan PONS, OSCE PA Vice-President, Special Representative on Climate Change

## **4. OSCE PA Autumn Meeting (Dublin, 3 October 2024)**

- Kyrgyzstan:
  - Mr. Daniyar TOLONOV, Member of Delegation
  - Mr. Zhanarbek AKAEV, Alternate Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Guljamal TOKOMBAEVA
- Tajikistan:
  - Mr. Saidmurod FATTOHZODA, Head of Delegation
  - Mr. Faizullo QOSIMI, Alternate Member of Delegation
  - Ms. Nigina ABDULLAEVA, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
- Uzbekistan:
  - Mr. Sodiq SAFOEV, Head of Delegation

### **C. Bilateral meetings with Heads of Permanent Missions to the OSCE**

- Amb. Mukhtar TILEUBERDI, Head of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (*Vienna, 5 October 2023*)
- Amb. Hemra AMANNAZAROV, Head of the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan (*Vienna, 5 October 2023*)
- Amb. Abat FAYZULLAEV, Head of the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan (*Vienna, 5 October 2023*)
- Amb. Tolendy MAKEYEV, Mr. Abat FAYZULLAEV, Head of the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan (*Vienna, 6 October 2023*)
- Amb. Idibek KALANDAR, Head of the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (*Vienna, 6 October 2023*)
- Mr. Munkhbaatar DAVAASAMBUU, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mongolia (*Vienna, 6 October 2023*)
- Amb. Bakhtior IBRAGIMOV, Head of the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan (*Vienna, 21 February 2024*)

### **D. Meeting with the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre - Central Asia Desk** (*Vienna, 6 October 2023*)

### **E. Bilateral meetings with Field Operations in Central Asia**

- Mr. Jukka TUONONEN, Acting Head of OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (*online, 24 November 2023*)
- Dr. Volker FROBARTH, Head of OSCE Programme Office in Astana (*online, 24 November 2023; Astana, 9 April 2024*)
- Amb. Alexey ROGOV, Head of OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (*online, 24 November 2023*)
- Amb. John MACGREGOR, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (*Ashgabat, 5 April 2024; Ashgabat, 26 November 2024*)
- Amb. Antti KARTTUNEN, OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan (*Tashkent, 11 April 2024*)

## **II. Field Visits**

### **A. Bilateral visit to Turkmenistan** (*Ashgabat, 5-7 April 2024*)

#### Main interlocutors:

- H.E. Ms. Dunyagozel Gulmanova, Chairperson of the Mejlis
- Ms. Myahri Bashimova, Deputy Foreign Minister
- Mr. Charyar CHETIEV, Minister of Agriculture and Environmental of Turkmenistan
- Mr. Durdy GENJIYEV, Chairman of the State Water Resources Committee of Turkmenistan
- Ms. Akjemal DURDYEVA, Chair of the Central Council of the Women's Union
- Amb. John MACGREGOR, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat
- Amb. Kaha IMNADZE, Head of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)

**B. High-Level OSCE PA Visit to Kazakhstan (Astana, Almaty, 8-10 April 2024) and Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Nukus, Moynaq – Aral Sea) (11-12 April 2024)**

Composition of the Delegation:

- Ms. Farah KARIMI (Netherlands), OSCE PA Special Representative on Central Asia
- Mr. Pere Joan PONS (Spain), OSCE PA Vice-President, OSCE PA Special Representative on Climate Change
- Ms. Gudrun KUGLER (Austria), Rapporteur of the General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment (*Uzbekistan only*)
- Ms. Ainur ARGYNBEKOVA, Deputy Head of the Delegation of Kazakhstan to the OSCE PA
- Ms. Dilorom FAYZIEVA, Member of the Delegation of Uzbekistan to the OSCE PA
- Ms. Mirgul TEMIRBAEVA, Member of the Delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic to the OSCE PA (*Kazakhstan only*)

Main interlocutors:

**Kazakhstan:**

- Representatives of Kazakhstan's parliament, including Chairperson of the Senate Maulen ASHIMBAYEV
- Chair of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, Ms. Aigul KUSPAN
- Minister of Healthcare Akmaral ALNAZAROVA
- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Roman VASSILENKO
- Deputy Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Mr. Bolat BEKNIYAZOV
- Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Mr. Mansur OSHURBAYEV
- Deputy Minister for Energy Mr. Sungat ESIMKHANOV
- Representatives of the ministry of culture
- Dr. Volker Frobarth, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, and representatives of the international community

**Uzbekistan:**

- Mr. Sadik Safoev, First Deputy Chairperson of the Senate of the *Oliy Majlis*
- Vice Minister Jusipbek KAZBEKOV, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change
- Amb. Antti Karttunen, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan
- Representatives of the International Institute of Central Asia (IICA)

**C. Bilateral visit to Turkmenistan (Ashgabat, 26 November 2024)**

Main interlocutors:

- Ms. Dunyagozel GULMANOVA, Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan
- Mr. Rashid MEREDOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
- Amb. JohnMACGREGOR, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat

**III. Participation in Conferences, Seminars**

- **2023 Central Asian Model OSCE (Istanbul, 25-29 September 2023)**
- Presentation "Bridging the Gap: OSCE PA Initiatives for Gender and Youth Inclusivity SDG Implementation", **Second Global Forum of Interparliamentary cooperation in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**,

organized by the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Parliamentary Commission for Monitoring the Implementation of National SDGs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UN agencies in Uzbekistan and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (*online/Tashkent, 30 November 2023*)

- Remarks at the **International Forum “Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace”**, Thematic Session “Using dialogue as an Instrument of Preventive Diplomacy” (*online/Ashgabat, 11 December 2023*)
- **Central Asia & Türkiye Youth Talks** (*Istanbul, 12-16 August 2024*)
- 2nd Ashgabat Conference on “**Parliamentary Diplomacy in the OSCE Area: Dialogue as a Tool for Building Bridges for a Secure and Peaceful Future**” (Ashgabat, 27-28 November 2024)

#### **IV. Upcoming Activities**

- Bilateral meetings with the Permanent Representatives of Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to the OSCE (Vienna, 19 February 2025)
- Meeting with the Central Asia desk of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (Vienna, 19 February 2025)
- Joint Meeting of Central Asian delegations (Vienna, 21 February 2025)
- Bilateral visit to Kyrgyzstan (25-26 April, tbc)
- High-Level OSCE PA Visit to the OSCE Programme Office in Tajikistan (28-30 April 2025)(tbc)