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Parliamentary Assembly Leaders Meet President Putin



L to R, OSCE PA Deputy Secretary General Vitaly Evseyev, President Adrian Severin, President Vladimir Putin and OSCE PA Vice-President Rita Süßmuth meet at the Kremlin during President Severin's visit to Moscow. Photo: ITAR-TASS

The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Adrian Severin, and Vice-President Mrs. Rita Süßmuth paid a working visit to Moscow from 9-12 May 2001 at the invitation of the Speaker of the Russian Duma, Mr. Gennady Seleznev.

In addition to Speaker Gennady Seleznev, they met with the Chair-

man of the State Duma Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Dmitry Rogozin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Evgeny Gusarov and Deputy Defence Minister Mr. Igor Puzanov.

OSCE PA President Adrian Severin and Vice-President Rita Süßmuth were also received at the Kremlin by the President of the

Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin.

During these meetings the role of the OSCE in the modern world was discussed as well as the ways in which Members of Parliament can contribute to the further development of stability and democracy on the European continent.

Secretary General Spencer Oliver Participates in Hague Seminar

Secretary General R. Spencer Oliver participated in a one-day seminar on "The Parliamentary Dimension of the European Security and Defence Policy" on May 14 in The Hague. Mr. Oliver, along with the Secretaries General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, was asked to present a

paper on the development of the OSCE PA and comment on the presentations of his colleagues as well as the other principal speakers. The Seminar was attended by representatives of the European Parliament, the WEU Assembly, several members of national parliaments and various academic experts and diplomats.

Election Update: Albania

President Severin has asked Vice-President Bruce George to lead the OSCE PA Delegation during the Elections in Albania on 24 June 2001. Delegations are reminded to forward the names of observers no later than June 13 2001.