

# News from Copenhagen

## Pres. Tsereteli, Second Committee Rapporteur Katsarava host OSCE ambassadors



President Tsereteli (centre) with members of the OSCE ambassadorial delegation, 20 June 2018.

In a visit to the South Caucasus this week, a delegation of 25 Permanent Representatives to the OSCE on Tuesday visited the Georgian Parliament in Tbilisi, where they met with a group of parliamentarians including OSCE PA President George Tsereteli and Second Committee Rapporteur Sofio Katsarava. The ambassadorial visit is intended to serve as an opportunity to build dialogue between key actors and reconfirm the ambassadors' support for stability, peace and prosperity in the region.

During the meeting President Tsereteli discussed the OSCE PA's agenda, including priority issues such as terrorism, migration, protracted conflicts, election observation, and the crisis in and around Ukraine. He also talked about the Parliamentary Assembly's work on election observation, its efforts to build co-operation within the OSCE family, and the upcoming OSCE PA Annual Session, being held in

Berlin on 7-11 July under the theme "Implementing OSCE Commitments: The Role of Parliaments."

The OSCE ambassadors are visiting Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan from 18 to 22 June. In all three countries, the ambassadors will meet with representatives of the national authorities and parliaments, as well as with civil society.



Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE Veronique Roger-Lacan (left) at Georgian Parliament with Sofio Katsarava (centre) and others

## Secretariat staff in Morocco for assessment of OSCE PA 2019 Autumn Meeting



L-R: Marc Carillet, Senator Abdelkrim El Hams, Odile Lelarge, Abdelouahid Khouja, and Gustavo Pallares.

In response to a proposal from the Delegation of Morocco, an OSCE Partner for Co-operation, to host the 2019 Autumn Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, members of the OSCE PA International Secretariat are in Rabat this week on a preliminary assessment mission.

Hosted by the House of Councilors of the Parliament of Morocco, OSCE PA Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares, Head of Conference Services Odile Lelarge and Deputy Director of the Vienna Liaison Office Marc Carillet have met with Head of the Moroccan OSCE PA Delegation Senator Mohamed El Bakkouri, Senator Abdelkrim El Hams, Secretary General of the House of Councillors Abdelouahid Khouja, and Vice-President of the Marrakech-Safi Regional Council Samir Koudar.

The decision on whether to accept Morocco's invitation for the 2019 Autumn Meeting will ultimately be made by the OSCE PA's Standing Committee.

## ODIHR Director meets PA Vice-President



Ingibjorg Gisladdottir and Margareta Cederfelt

OSCE/ODIHR Director Ingibjorg Gisladdottir met last week in Stockholm with OSCE PA Vice-President and Deputy Head of the Swedish Delegation Margareta Cederfelt and discussed areas of co-operation.

## Annual Session deadline reminder

Delegations are kindly reminded of the following deadlines for the Annual Session in Berlin on 7-11 July.

- **23 June:** Deadline for amendments to committee draft resolutions
- **30 June:** Deadline for amendments to supplementary items