

Nearly 500 participants expected at the Annual Session in Luxembourg next week



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Taking place in Luxembourg on 4-8 July 2019 and hosted by the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies, the Annual Session will be held under the theme “Advancing Sustainable Development to Promote Security: The Role of Parliaments.” With some 500 participants, including nearly 300 parliamentarians, the Annual Session is the largest event on the Assembly’s calendar. Participants from 52 OSCE participating States and four Partners for Co-operation have registered for the event.

Following several days of intense debate and committee work, the Annual Session will culminate in the adoption on 8 July of the Luxembourg Declaration, containing recommendations to national governments, parliaments and the international community in the fields of political affairs, security, economics, environment, human rights and humanitarian questions.

Speakers at the event will include:

- Fernand Etgen, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg
- George Tsereteli, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg
- Steny Hoyer, Founding Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and United States House Majority Leader
- Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Miroslav Lajcak, Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

- Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Secretary General of the OSCE
- Roberto Montella, Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Topics on the agenda include:

- migration governance and promoting dignified return policies
- terrorism and challenges related to returning and relocating foreign terrorist fighters
- the conflict in eastern Ukraine and the Russian militarization of Crimea, the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov
- the collapse of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and prospects for arms control
- the security implications of Brexit
- climate change
- combating corruption and promoting good governance
- protecting children in conflict zones
- educating schoolchildren to avoid human trafficking
- religious tolerance, combating xenophobia and aggressive nationalism
- energy security
- governance of private military and security companies
- the security and human rights situation in Abkhazia, Georgia and the Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia, Georgia

The Annual Session will also include a meeting of the Assembly’s Standing Committee, reports on recent OSCE election observation missions, numerous bilateral meetings and side events, and elections of Assembly officers, including the OSCE PA President, Vice-Presidents and committee officers.

The Luxembourg Annual Session will be the first OSCE PA meeting to utilize a new app designed to provide easy access to information and relevant documentation. All draft resolutions, supplementary items, amendments, transportation schedules, and daily updates will be available on the app.

The “OSCE PA Events” app can be downloaded on iTunes App Store or the Google App Store. (Event Password: 07PA5L19)

Deadline reminder

Members of the media who wish to cover the Annual Session are asked to register by 26 June.

Amendments to Supplementary Items must be received at the International Secretariat in Copenhagen by 27 June.



George Tsereteli @GTsereteli · Jun 20

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