

PA's Mediterranean envoy, VP Allizard, meets with Israel's OSCE ambassador



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OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative for Mediterranean Affairs Pascal Allizard (France) met online 28 April with Ambassador Mordechai Rodgold, Israel's Permanent Representative to the OSCE. The meeting was the last of a series that Allizard has held with the ambassadors and Permanent Representatives of the five other OSCE Mediterranean partner countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan), following the Mediterranean Forum he presided on 4 November 2021.

Meeting on the Holocaust Remembrance Day of Yom HaShoah, Allizard and Rodgold paid tribute to the victims and exchanged views on the security and political situation in Israel after recent terrorist attacks. They focused on the perspectives of peace-building, tension management and resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Then also discussed Israel's relations with neighbouring countries, especially OSCE Partners for Co-operation, Jordan and Egypt, as well as Morocco, one of the countries that recently normalized their diplomatic relation-

ship with Israel.

Ambassador Rodgold and VP Allizard expressed concern over the current intensification of threats and tensions due to the war waged by Russia in Ukraine, and especially for the humanitarian and food crisis. Both underlined the role of OSCE in order to defuse these tensions, by inciting dialogue as a preliminary step to peace.

They agreed upon the necessity to emphasize the Mediterranean Sea as a common space for security and co-operation. Both expressed their common view that the OSCE PA has an important role to play in the Mediterranean region as a facilitator of co-operation between partners and member countries in this regard.

Their online meeting was concluded by an agreement to see each other in Vienna in the months to come, preparation for the next Mediterranean Forum of OSCE PA. This annual forum is planned during the plenary autumn session of the Assembly, scheduled for October 2022 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Deadlines and draft programme for Annual Session published online

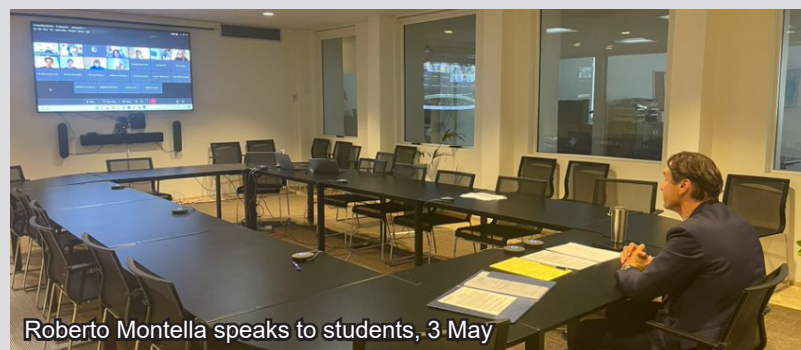
Details on the 29th Annual Session to be held in Birmingham on 2-6 July 2022 have been added to the OSCE PA's website, www.oscepa.org. The Annual Session's draft programme, along with deadlines for supplementary items and amendments, are now posted, and committee reports and draft resolutions are being published as they become available to the International Secretariat. The website updates include the following important dates:

- 27 May: Deadline for registration for Annual Session
- 28 May: Deadline for submission of Supplementary Items
- 10 June: Deadline for registration of non-parliamentary delegations
- 18 June: Deadline for submission of Amendments to General Committee Draft Resolutions
- 25 June: Deadline for submission of Amendments to Supplementary Items

SG Montella speaks to students, addresses Silk Road Support Group

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella on Tuesday briefed students on the work of the Parliamentary Assembly in an OSCE seminar series organized by the Italy's Permanent Mission to the OSCE. The Secretary General explained the PA's working methods and the overall role of the parliamentary dimension in the OSCE.

Montella also addressed today the Silk Road Support Group in an informal online session. The SG expressed his continued support for the work of group and for the changes introduced in its statute in order to enhance the group's inclusivity, openness and transparency.



Roberto Montella speaks to students, 3 May

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