

High participation during busy autumn of election observation activities



Post-election press conference in Tbilisi, 27 October 2024



Post-election press conference in Tashkent, 28 October 2024



Parliamentary briefing in Washington DC, 3 November 2024



Parliamentary briefing in Chisinau, 18 October 2024

The OSCE PA has wrapped up a busy autumn of election observation activities, with four missions deployed in October and early November to Georgia, Moldova, Uzbekistan, and the United States. A total of 335 parliamentarians from 43 countries participated in these election observation missions, 80 of whom were first-time election observers. Women accounted for 35 per cent of observers and men accounted for 65 per cent. The US mission consisted of 164 parliamentarians and staff, making it the largest-ever deployment of OSCE PA observers.

In the United States, President Pia Kauma (Finland) served as Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observers, while Vice-President and Head of the OSCE PA Delegation Pere Joan Pons (Spain) led the OSCE PA delegation. In Georgia, Pascal Allizard (France) served as Special Co-ordinator and President Kauma served as Head of the OSCE PA delegation. In Uzbekistan, the OSCE Special Co-ordinator was

Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) and OSCE PA mission Head was Sargis Khandanyan (Armenia). The Moldova mission was led by Special Co-ordinator Lucie Potůčková and OSCE PA delegation Head Johan Büser (Sweden).

The OSCE PA worked closely with international partners for these missions, including experts and long-term observers from the OSCE/ODIHR, as well as parliamentarians from the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, and NATO. During the Assembly's mission to the United States last week, Vice-President Pons took the opportunity to meet in Washington with the leader of the Organization of American States' election observation mission to hear about the OAS's approach to observing the election.

Press releases and statements of preliminary findings for the four election observation missions are available at www.oscepa.org and photos are available on the OSCE PA's Flickr page.

Deadline reminder for the second Ashgabat Conference

Delegations are kindly reminded that the deadline for the second Ashgabat Conference "Parliamentary Diplomacy in the OSCE Area: Dialogue as a Tool for Building Bridges for a Secure and Peaceful Future" is today at 17:00 CET.

OSCE PA Members to participate in upcoming international events

With about 100 world leaders attending the COP29 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative on Climate Change Pere Joan Pons (Spain) will moderate a side event organized by the OSCE on 18 November entitled "Advancing a Climate-Resilient, Green, and Just Energy Transition." The objective of the event is to raise awareness about the energy-climate-security nexus and promote international co-operation in this regard. It is the first time the PA will officially participate in the COP process.

On 16 November, the UNOCT is holding a university seminar in Doha on "The Nexus of Terrorism and Emerging Organized Crimes: Legal and Technical Challenges and Methods of Prevention," in which OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement David Stögmüller is expected to participate.

A number of OSCE PA Members, including President Pia Kauma (Finland) and Vice-President Daniela De Ridder (Germany), as well as Italian Members Susanna Donatella Campione and Eugenio Zoffili, will participate in the 22 November Conference on "Violence Against Women as a Weapon of War," hosted by the Italian Chamber of Deputies in Rome.

On 27-28 November, Ad Hoc Committee on Countering

Terrorism member Jevrosima Pejovic (Montenegro) will participate in the UNOCT Youth Parliamentary Forum on "Promoting Youth Perspectives in Parliamentary Responses to Terrorism and Violent Extremism." On 4 December, the OSCE PA Bureau will convene for a meeting in Malta, and on 5 December President Pia Kauma (Finland) will address the foreign ministers at the Ministerial Council's opening session.

On 5-6 December, the fourth Parliamentary Policy Dialogue on Countering the Use of AI and New Technologies for Terrorist Purposes and the sixth Meeting of the Co-ordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism will take place in Rome. Both events are organized jointly by the OSCE PA and UNOCT and will be hosted by the Italian Parliament. Eight PA members expected to attend, including CCT Chair Kamil Aydın (Türkiye) and Vice-Chair Emanuele Loperfido (Italy).

On 5 December Special Representative on South East Europe Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) is attending an EU-Western Balkans Summit and on 10-11 December, is attending a seminar in Brussels. On 9 December, Special Representative Irene Charalambides (Cyprus) will attend the OSCE International Anti-Corruption Day Conference in Vienna.

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