

President Kauma addresses OSCE Foreign Ministers at the 31st Ministerial Council in Malta



Pere Joan Pons (Spain), Mykyta Poturaiev (Ukraine), Mark Pritchard (United Kingdom), Secretary General Roberto Montella, and Special Representative Amb. Miodrag Pančeski, President Kauma highlighted the role of parliamentary engagement in reinforcing public trust in the OSCE.

Kauma reaffirmed the Assembly's commitment to the OSCE's core principles, emphasizing that peace and security are the foundation of sustainable growth and future investment. Kauma addressed Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine, reiterating the PA's unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. "This war will end only when Russia withdraws its troops from Ukraine and respects the Helsinki Final Act," she stated.

At the close of the Ministerial Council, consensus was reached on the top posts of the OSCE for the next three years. Kauma expressed congratulations to the Maltese Chairpersonship for this achievement and to the four incoming OSCE officials on their appointments. "I look forward to working closely with you all and wish you a very successful tenure," she tweeted on 6 December.

OSCE CiO Ian Borg with President Pia Kauma, Malta, 5 December

Addressing the opening of the OSCE Ministerial Council on 5 December, OSCE PA President Pia Kauma (Finland) emphasized the critical importance of unity and leadership in navigating the organization through current and future challenges. Expressing gratitude to Malta and Foreign Minister Ian Borg for their leadership during a turbulent year, Kauma underscored the importance of continuity within the OSCE, stressing that sustained leadership is essential for effective governance and decision-making.

Joined by Treasurer Johan Büser (Sweden), Vice-Presidents

In co-operation with OSCE PA, Italian Parliament hosts forums on global terrorism trends

Last week, the Italian Parliament hosted a number of terrorism-related events that included members of the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT), the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, as well as other relevant international bodies and parliamentary assemblies.

The Fourth Parliamentary Policy Dialogue, dedicated to "Countering the Use of AI and New Technologies for Terrorist Purposes," convened on 5 December, bringing together approximately 100 participants from around the world including several OSCE parliamentarians. Participants focused on addressing threats associated with the potential misuse of artificial intelligence and other new technologies for terrorist purposes, as well as the possible benefits of AI as a tool in detecting threats and preventing radicalization.

Head of the Italian Delegation to the OSCE PA Eugenio Zoffili highlighted the timeliness of this issue, stressing that artificial intelligence can be used for both positive and nefarious purposes. Kamil Aydın (Türkiye), Chair of the CCT, noted that a security threat that is international in nature like terrorism must be addressed on a multilateral basis.



The Sixth Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism took place on 6 December. With 13 parliamentary assemblies from around the world participating, participants discussed ongoing regional terrorism trends and reviewed recent counter-terrorism initiatives. The gathering provided a unique opportunity to share information on regional parliamentary efforts.

In handing over the Presidency of the Coordination Mechanism to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, CCT Chair Aydın highlighted key accomplishments of the two consecutive years of the OSCE PA's Presidency, including the organization of numerous meetings in Doha, Vienna, Istanbul, and Rome.

Special Representative Hadjiyianni participates in Brussels meeting on the WPS agenda



On Tuesday, OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) was in Brussels for a meeting of parliamentarians from South East Europe on "Empowering Parliamentarians to Champion the Women, Peace and Security Agenda." In his intervention, Hadjiyianni pointed out that women's participation in peacebuilding initiatives is the cornerstone of conflict prevention and resolution.

Czech parliamentarians, including Third Committee Chair Potůčková, visit Secretariat

Today, Third Committee Chair Lucie Potůčková (Czechia), as part of a delegation from the Parliament of Czechia's Chamber of Deputies, visited the OSCE PA International Secretariat in Copenhagen. The delegation met with Secretary General Roberto Montella, Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares and Chief of Staff Andreas Baker for an overview of the OSCE PA and parliamentary diplomacy. The Czech parliamentarians also met various staff members for briefings on the OSCE's comprehensive approach to security



and the human dimension, the activities of the OSCE PA's Third Committee, the PA's work on migration-related issues, and election observation.