

OSCE PA-UNOCT event explores parliamentary approaches to AI and counter-terrorism



Vice-Chair of the CCT Emanuele Loperfido addressing the 2024 Internet Governance Forum, 18 December

The OSCE PA was represented Wednesday at a counter-terrorism event in Riyadh by Kamil Aydin and Emanuele Loperfido, Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism. The event, which was co-organized by the OSCE PA and the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, focused on parliamentary approaches to the use of information and communication technologies in counter-terrorism in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

Joining virtually, Aydin welcomed the increased focus on the role of parliamentarism in the fight against terrorism. "Parliamentarians play a critical role in preventing and countering terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization that leads to terrorism," he said. The CCT Chair pointed to the adoption of a resolution on AI and the fight against terrorism at last summer's Annual Session in Bucharest.

Loperfido, who participated in-person, highlighted parliamentary practices related to addressing the challenges of AI technologies. "As the world's largest inter-parliamentary forum dedicated to peace and security, our Assembly has worked hard to promote more knowledge around this topic," Loperfido said. He noted efforts to strengthen national legal frameworks to govern AI's development and deployment.

30 years of the Beijing Platform for Action: The role of parliaments

The OSCE PA and ODIHR are holding a joint event on 16 January 2025 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, a central set of international norms on women's rights and gender equality, and to focus attention in OSCE national parliaments on gender equality issues. More information is available here: <https://www.osce.org/odihhr/582337>

In Moldova, OSCE PA Special Rep expresses support for reforms and Transdniestria settlement



Kyriakos Hadjiyianni meets with Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration Cristina Gherasimov in Chisinau, 12 December

OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) has concluded a series of meetings in Chisinau with various stakeholders. The discussions focused on both domestic and regional developments. Special Representative Hadjiyianni was also informed about the latest developments in the country in relation to the Transd-

nistria settlement process.

Joined by Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, Amb. Kelly Keiderling, Hadjiyianni had meetings with governmental and parliamentary leaders, including Moldova's Delegation to the OSCE PA, and representatives from the international community. He also expects to meet in the coming days with Transdniestrian leader Vadim Krasnoselsky.

Hadjiyianni underlined the critical importance of international support for Moldova and welcomed the country's commitment to continue reforms towards EU accession. The Special Representative also expressed the OSCE PA's full support for the OSCE Mission's work on Transdniestria.

SR Pančeski participates in OSCE Troika-Asian Partners for Co-operation Group meeting

At the recent OSCE Ministerial Council in Valletta, the OSCE PA's Special Representative in Vienna, Amb. Miodrag Pančeski, represented the Assembly at the joint OSCE Troika-Asian Partners for Co-operation Group meeting. Delivering a brief statement on behalf of the PA, Pančeski congratulated North Macedonia for its successful chairing of the Asian Partners for Co-operation Group in 2024 and commended the Partner States for their active participation. He stressed that the PA hopes to strengthen its dialogue with the Asian Partners



Miodrag Pančeski with OSCE Troika and Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, 6 December

through intensified communication and co-operation, as well as by offering policy support and parliamentary perspective.

Secretary General Montella's year-end message

With 2024 coming to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all OSCE parliamentarians and staff a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2025. I warmly thank everyone who has contributed to a fruitful year of Assembly activities, especially the delegations that have hosted statutory meetings, in particular Romania and Ireland, as well as Denmark and Austria for providing invaluable support to the OSCE PA by hosting our offices in Copenhagen and Vienna.

In these challenging times for the OSCE region, our Assembly continues to be a vivid example of how the continued engagement of parliamentarians, supported by the professional International Secretariat's team, can have a positive impact in conflict prevention and creating avenues for dialogue and possible solutions to ongoing challenges.

This year saw a historic level of election observation activity, with the highest number of OSCE parliamentarians deploying to various countries since the OSCE PA began its election observation activities more than three decades ago. Overall, 386 parliamentarians deployed in eight missions to seven different countries, with a total of more than 540 observers. This is an accomplishment we all should be proud of.

The coming year will mark the 50th anniversary of the OSCE's founding document, the Helsinki Final Act. There is no better time than now to renew the commitments that were agreed to and revive the spirit of Helsinki. I look forward to the new year with hope, optimism and continued commitment to deliver results for the sake of the more than one billion citizens of the OSCE area. Happy holidays to you all. - Secretary General Roberto Montella