

PA President Pons meets Ukrainian President Zelensky in Kyiv, addresses Verkhovna Rada



OSCE PA delegation with Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv, 7 Oct. 2025

As parliamentarians representing the world's largest regional security organization, members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly have a huge megaphone to offer values-based support to the cause of Ukraine in its fight against Russian aggression, OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons said Tuesday in Kyiv.

Meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Pons discussed ways to ensure that all tools are effectively utilized to support Ukraine, including through legal and political mechanisms, and that pursuit of a just peace for Ukraine remains high on the international agenda. President Pons told President Zelensky that for more than a decade, Ukraine has been the number

one priority for the OSCE PA, with no other issue receiving more attention, urgency, or unity – and that it will continue to do so.

In meetings with Chair of the Verkhovna Rada Ruslan Stefan-chuk and Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, the sides exchanged views on Ukraine's priorities and urgent needs in the context of Russia's war of aggression. Pons emphasized that OSCE parliamentarians will continue to intensify support in every corner, including in their national parliaments, and will also reinforce international support for the return of abducted Ukrainian children.

Also participating in the meetings were OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer (Slovenia) and OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella. Pons's first official visit since being elected in July, meetings continue today with representatives of all the political factions, the OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine, media and civil society representatives. Pons addressed the Verkhovna Rada on Tuesday, assuring the Ukrainian parliamentarians of the OSCE PA's continued support.

PA members contribute to UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review



OSCE PA delegation in Istanbul, 7 October 2025

OSCE parliamentarians played a leading role in the Global Parliamentary Conference on Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism, held on 7–8 October in Istanbul and organized by the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in partnership with the Shura Council of Qatar.

CCT Chair Kamil Aydın (Türkiye) chaired discussions on the “Nexus between Terrorism and Organized Crime” and later addressed the session on “Addressing Emerging Threats,”

emphasizing the need for parliaments to adapt their legislative and oversight frameworks to challenges such as artificial intelligence and digital radicalization.

CCT Vice-Chair Emanuele Loperfido (Italy) highlighted the importance of reinforcing the parliamentary dimension of global counter-terrorism efforts and proposed stronger mechanisms for dialogue with the UN. Other PA members — Ricardo Tarno (Spain), Tsogtbaatar Damdin (Mongolia), and Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro) — stressed accountability in conflict settings and the need for robust parliamentary oversight.

The conference underlined that credible and effective counter-terrorism policies must remain rights-based, transparent, and democratically accountable. Discussions also reaffirmed the need for a renewed, inclusive approach to counter-terrorism, ensuring that the role of parliamentarians is formally recognized and valued in the updated UN Global Strategy.

Pons highlights role of democratic institutions at Human Dimension Conference

Speaking Monday at the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference, organized by the 2025 OSCE Finnish Chairpersonship with the support of the OSCE/ODIHR, OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) highlighted the role of democracy in countering threats to human rights. He welcomed recent steps towards a resolution of the conflict in the Middle East, noting that the progress follows intensive grassroots pressure to alleviate human suffering in Gaza, which he said “must give hope to activists and social movements everywhere.”

Pons also highlighted the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine as a “violation of every principle of international law,” emphasizing that President Vladimir Putin's “fight is not only

against Ukraine, but against his own people, against Europe, and against democracy itself.”

In response to broader threats to human rights across the OSCE area, the President highlighted the need for a stronger democratic response from all levels of society. He also stressed the need to eliminate double standards, and ensure consistent messaging and application of principles within the international community, as well as the need to improve gender equality throughout the OSCE region.

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella also participated in the opening on Monday and a number of OSCE PA members will participate in the two-week conference.

Vice-Chair Pejović participates in Budva panel

OSCE PA First Committee Vice-Chair Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro) participated in the second panel of the conference dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, held recently in Budva under the theme “Resolution 1325 and Gender Equality: Achievements, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps.”

During the panel on 24 September, Pejović shared experiences and challenges that international institutions face in implementing the Women, Peace, and Security agenda.

OSCE SG visits International Secretariat



Feridun Sinirlioglu at the Secretariat in Copenhagen, 3 Oct. 2025

OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioglu visited the International Secretariat on 3 October, where he met OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella and staff.