President Severin chairs Seminar on Organized Crime and Corruption

The President of the OSCE PA, Mr. Adrian Severin, chaired a parliamentary seminar in Cyprus from 4-5 October 2000. The two-day parliamentary seminar on Organized Crime and Corruption consisted of a series of presentations and discussions on various aspects of the topic, including the distorting effects of organized crime and corruption on economic development and the process of post-conflict rehabilitation, as well as international strategies to combat crime and corruption. Vice-Presidents Nino Burjanadze, Bruce George, Tiit Käbin, Ihor Ostash, Tana de Zulueta and Second Committee Chair, Jacques Floch chaired the Sessions. The Seminar was addressed by prominent officials and experts including Dr. Gherardo Colombo, Deputy Attorney General, Procura della Repubblica di Milano, Mr. Paul Higdon, Interpol Director of the Criminal Intelligence Directorate and Mr. Thomas Price, OSCE Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. Presentations were also made by the Head of the Polish Delegation, Mr. Jerzy Osiatynsky and Mrs. Elisabeth Meijer, Member of the Kosovo Democracy Team. The Seminar was attended by more than 200 participants including 80 parliamentarians from 31 OSCE participating States and observers from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

During the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Seminar in Cyprus, President Severin met with the President of the Republic of Cyprus Mr. Glafcos Clerides and other leading officials including the President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides and the Mayor of Nicosia, Mr. Lellos Demetriades. In the spirit that “every party to a conflict should have their case heard”, Mr. Severin also met with the leader of the Turkish community, Mr. Rauf Denktash. During this meeting, Mr. Severin stressed that “the international community only recognizes one Cyprus, as a single international legal subject” and that in finding a solution to the dispute, “constitutional arrangements should be based on the relevant UN Documents.”

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