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Parliamentary Team on Moldova visits Chisinau and Tiraspol

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Parliamentary Team on Moldova visited the country on 27-30 September. The Team included its Chair, Mr. Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland), Mr. Roberto Battelli (Slovenia) and Ms. Tone Tingsgård (Sweden). They were accompanied by Mr. Pentti Väänänen, Deputy Secretary General. This was the Team's third visit since its establishment in January 2000.

Upon their arrival the Team was briefed by Ambassador William Hill, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. During their stay in Chisinau they met with the Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament, Mr. Dumitru Diacov, Head of the Moldovan Delegation to the OSCE PA, Mr. Alexei Turbule and other Parliamentary colleagues. In Tiraspol the Team met with Mr. Grigory Marakutsa, the Speaker, and other Members of the Supreme Soviet. In Transnistria they also visited Russian military installations and discussed the withdrawal of military units and armaments in accordance with the Istanbul Declaration.

The purpose of the visit was to followup the resolution passed at the Ninth Annual Session in Bucharest in July. The Team also introduced their plan to organize a seminar on self-government, to be held in Finland, partly in the Åland Island, in January. This initiative was received positively by all interlocutors.

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 lead-

ing 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."

Election Update

The OSCE PA plans to monitor elections in Azerbaijan on 5/11/2000 and Bosnia & Herzegovina on 11/11/2000. Those interested in participating, please contact Ms. Tina Schön for Azerbaijan and Mr. Pentti Väänänen for Bosnia & Herzegovina.



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