

## PA Leadership in Copenhagen to Consider Challenges Ahead

Hosted by the Danish Delegation to the OSCE PA, the Expanded Bureau of the Assembly will meet in Copenhagen on Monday April 18. Chaired by OSCE PA President Alcee L. Hastings, this traditional meeting will bring together the Treasurer, Vice-Presidents and Officers of the three General Committees to consider preparations for the upcoming Annual Session in Washington, DC. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the Rapporteurs of the Committees, Pieter DeCrem, Leonid Ivanchenko, and Anne-Marie Lizin, to gain valuable feedback on their draft reports and resolutions for the Annual Session, which will focus on '30 Years Since Helsinki: Challenges Ahead'.

The Expanded Bureau will also hear updates on the work of the Assembly's Ad Hoc Committees and Spe-

cial Representatives, as well as reports by Treasurer Jerry Grafstein and Secretary General Spencer Oliver. Other issues, including proposed rules changes, will also be discussed.

Following a visit by Kimmo Kiljunen to Kyrgyzstan later this week, Mr. Kiljunen will also visit Copenhagen to brief the Expanded Bureau on recent events in that country since his leadership of the Assembly's election observation mission in Kyrgyzstan in March.

Prior to the meeting, the International Secretariat will host an informal reception at its premises in central Copenhagen on April 17, enabling Members to visit and tour the Headquarters.

The Danish Parliament is hosting a special dinner for Delegations on Monday evening following the meetings.

### New Head of Danish Delegation visits Assembly Headquarters



On April 13, the newly appointed Head of the Danish Delegation to the OSCE PA, Mr. Christian Pihl Lorentzen paid a visit to the International Secretariat. Mr. Lorentzen was elected to the Danish Parliament for the first time on 8 February 2005 for the Liberal Party in which he has been active for a number of years. He is a Major in the Danish Army by profession and has been involved in projects in the Balkans and in the Baltic States. Mr. Lorentzen, accompanied by the Secretary of the Danish Delegation, Jacob Otte, met with Secretary General Spencer Oliver,

Deputy Secretary General Vitaly Evseyev, and Programme Officer Tina Schøn. He was briefed about the current critical situation faced by the OSCE and on upcoming OSCE PA events. They also discussed preparations for the Expanded Bureau Meeting on Monday 18 April which will be hosted by Mr. Lorentzen. The Danish Parliament has hosted the International Secretariat since it was established in 1993.

### Belarusian Ambassador Visits Secretariat

On April 8, the Ambassador of Belarus to Denmark, Andrei Grinkevich met with Secretary General Spencer Oliver and Deputy Secretary General Vitaly Evseyev, at the International Secretariat. They discussed Belarus' participation in the OSCE and particularly in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, including the upcoming Seminar in late May in Minsk, organized by the OSCE PA Working Group on Belarus and the Belarusian Delegation to the OSCE PA, on 'Exploring the Opportunities for Belarus within the European Neighbourhood Policy'.