

## Migliori elected President, Monaco Declaration adopted



Riccardo Migliori delivers his inaugural address upon his election. 21st Annual Session

OSCE Parliamentarians met for the PA's 21st Annual Session from 5-9 July in Monaco under the theme of "The OSCE: Region of Change." The Session ended with the election of Riccardo

Migliori (Italy) as President and the adoption of the Monaco Declaration, which calls for countries leading the OSCE to "set the standard" on human rights. The Assembly focused considerable attention on the situation in Ukraine, which takes over as Chair of the OSCE in January 2013.

"The Assembly must remain the vanguard of OSCE, proud of its specificity, as a body which does not sit in the sidelines, but acts decisively in the forefront," said Migliori upon being elected. On the economic front, the Monaco Declaration calls on national governments to increase green investments to encourage economic growth and warns against the long term negative impact of continued austerity measures.

The Declaration also calls for updating the Vienna Document that governs how militaries should share information.

Members overwhelmingly supported a measure centered on the case of Russian whistleblower Sergei Magnitsky that called on parliaments to ban visas and freeze assets for human rights abusers. The Assembly passed 25 resolutions that ranged from seeking a diplomatic solution to questions about Iran's nuclear programme to increasing co-operation

with budding democratic institutions in the Arab World.

Vice-Presidents elected to three-year terms were: George Tsereteli (Georgia), Robert Aderholt (United States) and Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco). Alain Neri (France) and Uta Zapf (Germany) were both elected to terms to end at the 2013 Annual Session.

Officers were also elected to the three General Committees. The new Committee leadership is as follows:

### General Committee on Political Affairs and Security

- Chair Asa Lindestam (Sweden)
- Vice-Chair Susanne Bratli (Norway)
- Rapporteur Vilija Aleknaite Abramikiene (Lithuania)

### General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

- Chair Serhiy Shevchuk (Ukraine)
- Vice-Chair Roza Aknazarova (Kyrgyzstan)
- Rapporteur Christos Stylianides (Cyprus)

### General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions

- Chair Matteo Mecacci (Italy)
- Vice-Chair Isabel Santos (Portugal)
- Rapporteur Ann Phelan (Ireland)

New Vice-Presidents and Committee Officers are pictured below.



Asa Lindestam



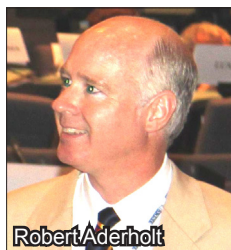
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## Mediterranean Forum focuses on enhancing co-operation

Chaired by Assembly Vice-President Jean-Charles Gardetto, the OSCE PA held its annual Mediterranean Forum on 6 July in conjunction with the 21st Annual Session. The forum included participation from Libyan delegates Mohamed Abdulaziz, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of Libya, and Khaled Ghellali, Spokesperson for the Libyan National Democratic Alliance.

Also addressing the Mediterranean Forum were Amb. Ihor Prokopchuk, Chair of the OSCE Contact Group with

the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation; Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and Francesco Amorusoi, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

Panelists noted the opportunity for greater co-operation, stressing the wealth of relevant experience shared by the OSCE, Council of Europe and PAM. In the debate, delegates encouraged OSCE participating States to support democratic processes in the Mediterranean region.