

## Preparatory visit to Mongolia for the PA's 2015 Autumn Meeting



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Representatives from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's International Secretariat are visiting Mongolia this week in a preparatory visit for the Assembly's 2015 Autumn Meeting to be held in Ulaanbaatar, the Mongolian capital.

Deputy Secretaries General Gustavo Pallares and Semyon Dzakhayev and Conference Co-ordinator Odile Lelarge are meeting this week with Mongolian representatives to begin preparations, discussing the possible dates, programme,

venue, hotels for delegates, air transport to Mongolia and all other logistical aspects involved.

The Secretariat's conference team has met so far with Head of the Mongolian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ms. Migeedorj Batchimeg, Secretary General of the Mongolian Parliament Mr. Byambadorj Boldbaatar, Head of the Parliament's International Department Ms. Tserendorj Narantungalag, and various staff from the Mongolian legislature dealing with IT and protocol, as well as with representatives of the Mongolian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

In a preliminary assessment, the members of the International Secretariat feel confident that Ulaanbaatar meets the requirements for a successful meeting.

Hosted by the Parliament of Mongolia, the Autumn Meeting will take place in the Mongolian capital in early autumn 2015. The final dates and all other information will be communicated to delegations in due time.

## Kanerva to address OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna

OSCE PA President Ilkka Kanerva is scheduled to address the OSCE Permanent Council, the decision-making body responsible for the day-to-day business of the Organization, on 13 November.

Having previously addressed the PC as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, it will be Kanerva's first time appearing before the body as President of the Parliamentary Assembly. He is the first person to appear before the PC in these two capacities.

President Kanerva, a former Foreign Minister of Finland, will discuss the challenges presented by the Ukraine crisis and the need for organizational reform. He will also stress

the importance of parliamentary contributions to the OSCE's work, highlighting in particular the OSCE PA's Helsinki +40 Project, a series of seminars leading up to the 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act in August 2015. The first of the OSCE PA's Helsinki +40 seminars was held at the Russian International Affairs Council in September, and the next event will take place in Washington on 18-19 November.

President Kanerva's address will take place at 10:00 in the Neuer Saal of the Hofburg Congress Centre and is open to the media.

It will be streamed live at [www.osce.org/live](http://www.osce.org/live).

## Onen and Dade to lead OSCE observers in Moldova



Emin Onen

OSCE parliamentarians will travel to Moldova at the end of the month to observe the country's 30 November parliamentary elections and provide leadership for the OSCE's short-term observer mission. OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Didier Burkhalter has designated Emin

Onen (MP, Turkey) as Special Co-ordinator of the mission and OSCE PA President Ilkka Kanerva appointed Arta Dade (MP, Albania) to serve as Head of the OSCE PA Delegation, which is expected to include some 60 parliamentarians. OSCE PA Director of Elections Andreas Baker, Operations Officer Iryna Sabashuk, and Research Assistant Astrid Loury will

staff the mission. Members of the Delegation will travel to polling stations in several areas of Moldova and will assess the election against democratic commitments contained in the 1990 OSCE Copenhagen Document.

OSCE Special Co-ordinator Emin Onen has served as a Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly since 2013. Arta Dade is the Head of Albania's Delegation to the OSCE PA. Since 1993, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has deployed more than 5,100 parliamentarians to observe nearly 140 elections across the OSCE area.



Arta Dade