

OSCE PA General Committees debate draft resolutions



First Committee



Second Committee



Third Committee

Opening the meeting of the First Committee on Monday, Chair Costel Dunava (Romania) noted that the committee's work has never been more vital, with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine impacting not only Ukraine but fundamental OSCE principles. Rapporteur Tobias Winkler (Germany) presented his report and draft resolution, reiterating the PA's condemnation of the war and calling for sustained support for Ukraine. Other topics covered in the report include the progress in Armenia-Azerbaijan peace negotiations and the situation in the Middle East.

In the debate, Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament Nurlanbek Turgunbek uulu highlighted the recent Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan border agreement as an act of political wisdom that ends a source of instability to the entire region. Other delegates raised issues including accountability for war crimes, arms control, and the normalization process between Armenia and Azerbaijan, highlighting the need to build political will for long-term security. The committee began consideration of 32 amendments, agreeing to two.

In the Second Committee, Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) highlighted the committee's focus on economic resilience and environmental sustainability amid complex global challenges. Guliyev noted rising instability in the Middle East, warning of wider implications for global energy, trade,

and security, and highlighted urgent climate threats, including water scarcity and climate-induced migration. He urged bolder, co-ordinated action to tackle these challenges.

Rapporteur Paula Cardoso (Portugal) emphasized threats of climate change and underlined the need to accelerate the clean energy transition and promote good governance to combat corruption. The committee began the process of amending the resolution before adjourning for the day, agreeing to one oral amendment.

Opening the meeting of the Third Committee, Chair Lucie Potuckova (Czechia), noted that the committee's mandate has only grown more urgent in recent years. As war continues to rage in Europe, she said, the human rights situation across the OSCE region also continues to deteriorate. The principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act are being dismantled in far too many places, Potuckova said, stressing that accountability mechanisms must be upheld.

Committee Rapporteur Carina Ödebrink (Sweden) focused on the humanitarian toll of armed conflict and called for the protection of civilians and adherence to international humanitarian law. In the debate, members raised issues including political prisoners, rule of law, democratic backsliding, and gender-based violence. The committee will begin work on amending the draft resolution on Tuesday.

Parliamentarians discuss gender issues, migration, counter-terrorism, multilateralism and Ukraine



Working Lunch on Gender Issues

With welcoming remarks by Head of Delegation of Portugal Paula Cardoso and Special Representative on Gender Issues Hedy Fry (Canada), the Assembly's annual Gender Lunch was held Monday and discussed sexual and reproductive health and rights. Also addressing the participants were OSCE PA President Pia Kauma (Finland) and Secretary General Roberto Montella, as well as Monica Ferro, Director of the UNFPA London Office, who focused on the importance of ensuring equal access to healthcare and essential services. In a lively discussion, participants considered the obstacles that parliaments and governments face in trying to strengthen support for sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as examples of recent parliamentary work and best practice.

During a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration, chaired by Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus), parliamentarians discussed the report on the field visit to Spain and key priorities for 2025/2026. Special attention was paid to

combatting trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling, as well as vulnerable groups.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, chaired by Kamil Aydın (Türkiye), met to hear a presentation on the Portuguese experience in counter-terrorism, with a focus on intelligence-gathering. Members also discussed their recent visit to the United States and the supplementary item on youth radicalization.

The Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine also met Monday and heard remarks from President and PSTU Chair Pia Kauma (Finland), Vice-President and PSTU Co-Chair Mykyta Poturaiev (Ukraine), Secretary General Roberto Montella, and Special Rapporteurs Carina Ödebrink (Sweden), Lucie Potuckova (Czechia), and Mati Raidma (Estonia). Earlier in the day, Poturaiev hosted a side event on "Countering Propaganda, Misinformation, Disinformation and Interference in Internal Affairs of OSCE participating States."

In addition, the OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians met to discuss ongoing activities, and the Delegation of Turkmenistan hosted a side event on empowering multilateralism for a secure and sustainable future.