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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

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OSCE PA STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING,

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Mr. President, Members of the Standing Committee,

As Treasurer of the Assembly I would like to start my report here in Tbilisi by warmly thanking the Parliament of Georgia for the support provided to our Organization by hosting this Annual Session.

My gratitude also to all those Member Parliaments that have hosted, and will host Assembly meetings and events.

The Assembly functions in an extremely cost-effective way, but we need the continuous support and solidarity of national delegations to ensure that the Assembly can continue its programme of activities and meetings. I call on those delegations that have not yet hosted a meeting of the Assembly to do it soon.

I am pleased to report to the Standing Committee that the finances of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly continue to be in very good order. In accordance with our Rules of Procedure, I presented the audited accounts to this Committee in Vienna last February. I was very satisfied that the Assembly received a positive assessment from our outside independent professional auditor once again. Our auditor continues to be satisfied with the financial procedures and accountability carried out in our Secretariat.

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Proposed Budget 2016/2017 / 25th Financial Year (1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017)

Attached to this report you will find my proposal for the Assembly's budget for the next financial year (1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017). This proposal has been thoroughly prepared together with the Secretary General and his staff in order to reflect the minimum basic needs of the Assembly and it was unanimously supported by the Bureau at its last meeting held in Copenhagen.

This proposed draft budget, in accordance with our *Rules of Procedure*, was distributed to the Standing Committee last May giving you ample time to review it. In this period I have received no comments or questions from Members about my Proposal.

The Secretary General and I have ensured that our budget complies with and reflects the efforts of our national legislatures to minimize expenses and remain within our objectives of austerity and accountability in the use of our tax-payers money.

My proposal is to leave the budget as it is – with no significant increases or changes in the different categories just a minor adjustment of 1,9 percent related to an increase in 59,000 euros in the total budget.

There is an adjustment of 1,9 percent related to staff expenses to reflect post adjustment and contributions to the Danish *PFA* pension fund as well as education allowance to our staff dependents. All other categories including salaries, Travel, and other meetings, publicity, and other categories will remain frozen.

I perfectly understand that in all our Parliaments we are confronted with the need to freeze and reduce public budgets and to implement other restrictive measures to face and confront the economic crisis.

National Contributions: Current Fiscal Year 2015/2016

The list of national contributions for the fiscal year that started 1 October 2015 and will conclude on 30 September 2016 is attached. As you can see we have received almost 100 percent of our annual budget as only one parliament – Uzbekistan - out of fifty-seven has not paid its dues.

OSCE Scales of Contribution / National Contributions to the OSCE PA (2016-2017)

In accordance with Rule 41, Paragraph 4 of our Rules of Procedure, national contributions to the budget of the Parliamentary Assembly shall be apportioned according of the formula used to divide the costs of the intergovernmental OSCE.

In this context I would like to remind the Standing Committee that the Permanent Council of the OSCE has approved the scales of contribution of the OSCE on 17 December 2015 to maintain for this year the scales of contribution set in 2013 Thus the current percentages of the national delegations contribution to the Assembly will also remain the same during this period.

I welcome the ongoing process to suggest improvements to our system of contributions. But until we reach a consensus to amend our *Rules of Procedures* we will continue implementing the current system.

Additional Contributions

It is important that National Delegations contribute to support the Assembly. This can be done by:

1. Seconding personnel – we are very grateful to the Italian Government for their support in currently seconding a staff member in our Secretariat;
2. Hosting Assembly's Meetings and events. Again we are very grateful to Belarus Parliament for hosting our Session in 2017 and Andorra for the Autumn Meetings;
3. Extra budgetary contributions for specific events: election observation and other seminars or conferences of interest to the OSCE PA and its Members.

I am at your entire disposal to discuss any proposals you may have to enhance the work of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Let me conclude my report by congratulating our Secretary General, Mr. Roberto Montella, for his efforts in making this institution so efficient in such a transparent, accountable, and cost-effective way.

Doris Barnett

Annexes: OSCE PA / Proposed Budget / 25th Financial Year: 1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017/
OSCE PA / List of Contributions 2015/2016

**OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
List of Contributions for 2015/2016 in EUROS**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Per Cent - %</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
Albania	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Andorra	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Armenia	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Austria	2,510	77.860	77.860	0
Azerbaijan	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Belarus	0,280	8.686	8.686	0
Belgium	3,240	100.505	100.505	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Bulgaria	0,550	17.061	17.061	0
Canada	5,530	171.541	171.541	0
Croatia	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Cyprus	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Czech Republic	0,570	17.681	17.681	0
Denmark	2,100	65.142	65.142	0
Estonia	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Finland	1,850	57.387	57.387	0
France	9,350	290.037	290.037	0
F Y R of Macedonia	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Georgia	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Germany	9,350	290.037	290.037	0
Greece	0,980	30.400	30.400	0
Holy See	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Hungary	0,600	18.612	18.612	0
Iceland	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Ireland	0,750	23.265	23.265	0
Italy	9,350	290.037	290.037	0
Kazakhstan	0,360	11.167	11.167	0
Kyrgystan	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Latvia	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Liechtenstein	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Lithuania	0,190	5.894	5.894	0
Luxembourg	0,470	14.579	14.579	0
Malta	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Moldova	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Monaco	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Mongolia	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Montenegro	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Netherlands	4,360	135.247	135.247	0
Norway	2,050	63.591	63.591	0
Poland	1,350	41.877	41.877	0
Portugal	0,980	30.400	30.400	0
Romania	0,600	18.612	18.612	0
Russian Federation	6,000	186.120	186.120	0
San Marino	0,125	3.878	3.878	0
Serbia	0,140	4.343	4.343	0
Slovakia	0,280	8.686	8.686	0
Slovenia	0,220	6.824	6.824	0
Spain	4,580	142.072	142.072	0
Sweden	3,240	100.505	100.505	0
Switzerland	2,810	87.166	87.166	0
Tajikistan	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Turkey	1,010	31.330	31.330	0
Turkmenistan	0,050	1.551	1.551	0
Ukraine	0,680	21.094	21.094	0
United Kingdom	9,350	290.037	290.037	0
USA	11,500	356.730	356.730	0
Uzbekistan	0,350	10.857		10.857
Total		3.102.000	3.092.856	
		100%	100%	

OSCE PA - Internal Draft Proposed Budget 2016 / 2017

2015 / 2016 Budget		2016 / 2017 Budget
	SALARIES AND STAFF EXPENSES	
1.140.000	SALARIES	1.140.000
40.000	INSURANCE: HEALTH AND ACCIDENT	40.000
131.000	POST ALLOWANCES	160.000
45.000	DEPENDENT/EDUCATION ALLOWANCE	54.000
1.000	TEMPORARY HELP	1.000
149.000	PFA, PENSION FUND	161.000
2.000	STAFF CONTINGENCY FUND	2.000
2.000	REPRESENTATION	2.000
10.000	STAFF RECRUITMENT/REMOVAL EXPENSES	10.000
1.520.000	TOTAL	1.570.000
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
20.000	CLEANING / MAINTENANCE	20.000
2.000	RENOVATION	2.000
7.000	ELECTRICITY / HEATING	5.000
8.000	SECURITY	8.000
80.000	LEASING OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT/PRINTING	70.000
35.000	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT	35.000
5.000	FURNITURE / SMALL FIXED ASSETS	5.000
3.000	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	2.000
35.000	TELEPHONE / FAX	25.000
12.000	STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	12.000
8.000	PERIODICALS, SUBSCRIPTIONS	8.000
5.000	TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS	5.000
4.000	CONTACTS WITH DELEGATIONS	4.000
10.000	USE AND MAINTENANCE OF CARS	10.000
14.000	INSURANCE	14.000
23.000	AUDIT FEES / ACCOUNTING	23.000
5.000	LEGAL FEES/BANK CHARGES	5.000
1.000	LIBRARY - DOCUMENTATION	1.000
4.000	MISCELLANEOUS GEN. ADM. EXP.	4.000
281.000	TOTAL	258.000
	TRAVEL EXPENSES	
7.000	GENERAL TRAVEL EXPENSES	7.000
270.000	ELECTION MONITORING	270.000
50.000	MISSIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS	50.000
30.000	PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT	30.000
357.000	TOTAL	357.000
	ANNUAL SESSION	
20.000	TRANSLATION	20.000
100.000	INTERPRETATION	100.000
40.000	REVISORS	40.000
30.000	TYPISTS	30.000
4.000	EXTRA STAFF	4.000
2.000	CONSULTANTS	2.000
25.000	TEMPORARY STAFF	25.000
50.000	STAFF TRAVEL AND LODGING	50.000
2.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE EXPENSE	2.000
1.000	REPRODUCTION	1.000
5.000	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION	5.000
2.000	GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT	2.000
5.000	LOCAL TRANSPORT/FREIGHT/ORG. MATTERS	5.000
1.000	SPECIAL GUESTS/VIP EXPENSES	1.000
1.000	COMMUNICATIONS COSTS	1.000
1.000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1.000
289.000	TOTAL	289.000

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2015 / 2016 Budget		2016 / 2017 Budget
	WINTER MEETINGS, FALL MEETINGS, BUREAU AND OTHER MEETING COSTS	
75.000	STAFF TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION	75.000
56.000	TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION	56.000
3.000	ENTERTAINMENT/REPRESENTATION	3.000
10.000	LOCAL TRANSPORT/FREIGHT/ORG. MATTERS	10.000
1.000	MISCELLANEOUS	1.000
145.000	TOTAL	145.000
	PUBLICITY EXPENSES	
10.000	PRESS RELEASE/BROCHURES/WEB SITE	10.000
5.000	P.R. COSTS / NEWSLETTER	5.000
15.000	TOTAL	15.000
	CONTINGENCY	
10.000	CONTINGENCY	10.000
10.000	TOTAL	10.000
	RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM	
72.000	SUBSISTENCE/LODGING	72.000
5.000	TRAVEL	5.000
4.000	INSURANCE	4.000
1.000	DOCUMENTATION/RESEARCH	1.000
1.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE COSTS	1.000
5.000	ELECTRICITY / CABLE TV / INTERNET	5.000
88.000	TOTAL	88.000
2.705.000	Existing Financial Requirements	2.732.000
	VIENNA LIASON OFFICE	
223.000	SALARIES	223.000
29.000	INSURANCE: HEALTH AND ACCIDENT	29.000
35.000	POST ALLOWANCES	38.000
7.000	PFA, PENSION FUND	19.000
18.000	EDUCATION ALLOWANCE	36.000
14.000	RENT	14.000
4.000	REPRESENTATION	3.000
1.000	LEGAL FEES / BANK CHARGES	1.000
2.000	ELECTRICITY	2.000
7.000	CLEANING	7.000
2.000	FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT	2.000
1.000	SMALL FIXED ASSETS	1.000
1.000	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	1.000
4.000	TELEPHONE / FAX	4.000
3.000	STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	3.000
1.000	TRAVEL	1.000
37.000	SUBSISTENCE/LODGING Research assistant Vienna	37.000
1.000	TRAVEL, Research assistants Vienna	1.000
4.000	INSURANCE, Research assistants Vienna	4.000
1.000	DOCUMENTATION/RESEARCH, Research assistants Vienna	1.000
1.000	EQUIPMENT/OFFICE COSTS, Research assistants Vienna	1.000
1.000	MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE SUPPLIES	1.000
397.000	TOTAL	429.000
3.102.000	Existing Financial Requirements	3.161.000