



**REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL
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This report is my first written one since last year's Winter Meeting and covers exactly one year of OSCE PA activities - a period heavily marked by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented us from holding our two other yearly statutory meetings: the Annual Session, planned in Vancouver, and the Autumn Meeting, in San Marino. One year later, while unfortunately still in an online hybrid format, we are gladly able to again organize a statutory meeting – essential appointment for the OSCE parliamentary diplomacy.

Acknowledging that the challenges posed by the pandemic were significantly impacting our ability to implement our main activities, I presented last April the *PA – COVID-19 Compact*¹, a report on readapting the Assembly's work to the new situation, which has served as a basis for our work throughout the whole year. Overall, with much flexibility and dedication, we managed to maintain the political dialogue within our Assembly well alive and grant business continuity to our work even through new creative formats. The credit for this goes to the PA President and Bureau members, who provided us with strong leadership and clear guidance.

I – Addressing the COVID-19 crisis²

From the very outbreak of the pandemic, we realized that the OSCE PA should be active in addressing it, not only because global crises require global solutions through multilateral cooperation at all levels, including the parliamentary one, but also because Parliaments play a crucial role in national crisis management. To this end, we issued for instance a **joint declaration with our colleagues of PACE and NATO PA, on the Role of Parliaments in times of Pandemic**³, alongside an increased public messaging from our leadership, focused on addressing different aspects of the crisis.

The Parliamentary Web Dialogues

In Spring, we launched a cycle of eight Parliamentary Web Dialogues on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in several areas of particular focus and priority for the Assembly's work, and on related challenges. Such webinars, initiated and chaired by relevant members of the Bureau and moderated by the Secretariat, provided an excellent platform for discussion, and managed to maintain the dialogue among our Parliamentarians vibrant. In particular, we held the following events, ranging across all OSCE dimensions: 1) *The Economic Security Fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic*; 2) *Respecting human rights and maintaining democratic control during states of emergency*; 3) *COVID's impact on conflicts in the OSCE region*; 4) *COVID-19: a turning point for environmental protection*; 5) *Protecting refugees and migrants during the pandemic: Camps and closed centers under lockdown*; 6) *Gendered Impacts of COVID-19*; 7) *COVID-19 response in diverse societies: challenges and opportunities for stability and social cohesion*; 8) *Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic*, co-organized with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and UNOCT. The experts' contributions, including

¹ <https://www.oscepa.org/documents/international-secretariat/secretary-general-s-report/4027-osce-pa-covid-compact-readapting-the-osce-pa-to-challenges-in-the-time-of-covid-19-pandemic-report-by-secretary-general-roberto-montella-28-april-2020/file>

² Our website features a whole section on our COVID-19 crisis response, including reports from all web dialogues and other meetings, a collection of public messages, overview of measures and infographics, as well as administrative measures taken by the Secretariat: <https://www.oscepa.org/activities/covid-19-crisis-response>

³ <https://www.oscepa.org/news-a-media/press-releases/2020/joint-statement-on-the-role-of-parliaments-in-a-time-of-pandemic>

by leaders of major international organizations, NGOs and research institutes, and the ensuing debates among our Members led to a final, comprehensive document: the *OSCE PA vs COVID-19: Reflections, Policy Contributions and Recommendations presented by OSCE PA President George Tsereteli*⁴. In the absence of our traditional Annual Session Declaration, this report, while of course not bearing the same weight, managed to provide some key policy inputs which turned useful to inform the work of our Members in their national Parliaments. Alongside the thematic webinars, we also held various meetings of the Bureau and of the Standing Committee, again with the aim to keep close contacts during the lockdown period and inviting high-level personalities to address our leadership, including the OSCE CiO, the EU Commissioner for Crisis Management, and other Ministers and officials dealing directly with the pandemic.

Exchange of best practices

During the first challenging months of the pandemic, we have also been engaged in preparing and updating an overview of measures taken by all 57 OSCE participating States to counter the COVID-19 outbreak. By circulating them regularly to our Parliaments, alongside analysis and related infographics, we tried to serve as a hub for the exchange of best practices, enabling our Members to make more informed decisions, replicate positive measures, and facilitate the sharing of information to their constituencies. Moreover, we supported several bilateral and regional meetings of the President with our delegations, aimed at hearing directly from them the main challenges they were facing in their parliamentary work amidst the pandemic. These meetings gave the opportunity to flag different trends and specific needs - I think for instance to the meeting with micro-states. In some cases, we also facilitated contacts between delegations, leading, for instance, to channeling requests for medical aid.

II – Key mandated activities during COVID times and political dossiers

Starting from the end of the summer, we returned to focus on our key mandated activities, adapting formats and modalities to what was defined “the new normal”, but also trying to go back “boots on the ground” wherever possible, in the conviction that in-person interaction is irreplaceable.

Election Observation

While the pandemic forced us to cancel the observation of several elections (including some important ones such as Belarus and Kyrgyzstan, which were followed by violence), we deployed a small team to observe elections in **Montenegro in August**, holding briefings in a hybrid format. The positive experience led us to organize in the autumn, with enhanced precautionary measures in place, two fully-fledged Election Observation Missions to **Georgia and to the United States of America**, with overall almost 100 Parliamentarians involved. This January, we deployed two missions simultaneously to **Kyrgyzstan**, and, with a limited team, to **Kazakhstan**. While the smaller numbers, which also affected our ODIHR partners who could not deploy short-term observers, led to a substantially limited statistical capacity on election-day proceedings, we still managed to address thoroughly the full electoral process. This is something that was appreciated by host authorities and proved yet again the added value of the OSCE, especially against the

⁴ <https://www.oscepa.org/documents/president/reports-22/4065-osce-pa-vs-covid-19-reflections-policy-contributions-and-recommendations-presented-by-osce-pa-president-george-tsereteli-13-july-2020/file>

backdrop of some other organizations not observing at all. The strong political contribution also showed our full impartiality, as clearly shown, for instance, for the critical US elections. The latter were, remarkably, one of the most widely covered activities in OSCE PA history, with our observation mentioned in more than 300 related articles in US and international press.

Support to Presidential activities, Special Representatives, General and Ad Hoc Committees

Normally, a section of my report would be dedicated to our support to specific presidential activities. However, in this COVID year, all of our activities have been de facto also Presidential, and **I thank Presidents Tsereteli and Lord Bowness** not only for the tireless participation in all events but also, and foremost, for the exemplary political leadership they gave us. In the most critical months of the pandemic, George Tsereteli has been a clear and visible lighthouse for parliamentarism and multilateralism, and this will remain his legacy in the PA.

All **Special Representatives** remained very engaged by participating in events, organizing meetings with relevant stakeholders, and public messaging. The Secretariat organized two further web dialogues in the fall: *From the Arctic to Global: the Political Role in addressing Climate Change*, initiated by **Special Representative on Arctic Issues Torill Eidsheim** – a topic on which we plan to convey more attention in the future; and *Parliamentarians & Journalists: Partners Against Corruption*, initiated by **Special Representative on Fighting Corruption Irene Charalambides**, the first OSCE PA web dialogue open to active participation and contribution by the media. Our **Special Representative on Gender Issues Hedy Fry** engaged in a project with ODIHR on Gender Sensitive Parliaments – a survey was sent out in December to all delegations - and she continues to be our appreciated watchdog on gender equality. We are now supporting our three new regional Special Representatives (Daniela De Ridder - Eastern Europe, Ditmir Bushati - South Caucasus, Reinhold Lopatka - Central Asia & Mongolia) in holding introductory meetings and individuating targeted activities on the important dossiers involving those regions.

The three General Committee leaderships kept a close eye on developments in their related fields. Protracted conflicts remained under the lens of the **1st Committee** together with the conflict in and around Ukraine. The **2nd Committee** engaged in pandemic-related security developments by exploring the linkages between environmental degradation and public health, including through a briefing with the Italian Society of Environmental Medicine, promoting science-based policymaking and advocating for a more holistic approach to environmental security, whereby the protection of the environment becomes the precondition to effectively address both the public and the planet's health crisis. The **3rd Committee** has been extremely active in addressing the impact of COVID on democracy and human rights, and the worrying and widespread deterioration of fundamental freedoms across the OSCE area. This included over 20 public statements related to situations in almost a dozen of countries all across the OSCE region, including most recent developments for instance in the USA and in the Russian Federation. Our two **Ad Hoc Committees on Migration and Countering Terrorism** held several meetings and briefings online. Migration activities focused on the humanitarian situation in Lesbos as well as along the so-called "Balkan migration route", on the implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, including with briefings with the EU Commission, and on human trafficking challenges. The CCT explored new terrorism and extremism-related developments particularly minding the

possible impact of the pandemic on online radicalization. It also focused on providing support to victims of terrorism and on furthering our co-operation with external partners through joint planning and events.

Parliamentary diplomacy

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated tensions all around the globe. In addressing events, we always tried to offer to the parties involved – as well as to the OSCE conflict-cycle toolbox - our strongest assets: our political reach out capacity and our impartial platform for dialogue. However, we always left it entirely up to the “sides” to decide on whether to make use of our channels or not, in case working hand in hand with executive structures. Two examples are noteworthy. After the eruption of the crisis in **Belarus**, besides joining the OSCE CiO mediation offer, we have invited authorities and the opposition to a PA-driven informal dialogue. Our Bureau held a discussion with the **Head of the Belarusian Delegation Andrei Savinykh and presidential candidate and opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, which to date is the only platform where representatives of authorities and opposition actually engaged in a debate. We are in constant contacts with both sides and ready to replicate this positive experience if it can benefit the process. After the escalation of the **conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh**, we proposed the same to our Azerbaijani and Armenian delegations, which unfortunately were not able to engage at that moment. However, I remain confident that the PA platform can turn useful in the coming months for the crucial phase of post-conflict stabilization and peace process if desired by both sides.

Coordination with the OSCE Troika and executive structures remains excellent, including on the above-mentioned dossiers, and takes place throughout regular coordination at all levels on main political events, programmatic activities and positions. Our Vienna Liaison Office continues to actively take part in all OSCE meetings, most of which now conducted remotely (including the Ministerial Council in December), and to be our permanent link with the governmental side of the OSCE. We are also maintaining very good cooperation channels with all main parliamentary assemblies in the region and exploring possible future joint initiatives to further boost the role of Parliamentarians in diplomacy.

Call for Action – Helsinki +50 Process initiative

In July 2020, after participating States could not reach consensus on the reappointment of OSCE Heads of Institution, we acknowledged that while some of the challenges the governmental side of the organization is facing are due to a general crisis of multilateralism and international cooperation fatigue, others are of political nature and strictly peculiar to the OSCE. Hence, **in a process triggered by President Tsereteli, we launched an initiative aimed at mobilizing our parliamentary delegations, including in their national Parliaments and vis-à-vis their governments, to bring back the political attention and thrust that the OSCE needs.** To this end, I hired in **September Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, former OSCE Secretary General, as a high-level expert**, asking him to coordinate such efforts. We first held a brainstorming session in Helsingør, which led to the creation of the *Call for Action*⁵, a document, signed by former OSCE leaders, that points to the need to strengthen the role of the Organization in

⁵ <https://www.oscepa.org/documents/osce-call-for-action>

addressing the contemporary challenges and to enhance its effectiveness, including through the promotion of genuine political dialogue. This document will serve as a basis for further work which, under the leadership and guidance of the Bureau and the coordination of the International Secretariat, will lead to a series of targeted events and concrete proposals to enable our parliamentarians to contribute to the revitalization of the OSCE and enhance its impact as we head towards the 50th Anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

III – Administration

COVID mitigation measures

Since the very outbreak of the pandemic, my first priority has been ensuring the safety and well-being of all staff as well as the continuity of our key mandated operations, striking the right balance between duty of care and duty of service. Since March, all our Staff switched to telecommuting modality from home, which proved successful. However, both offices in Copenhagen and Vienna (where I appointed two **COVID focal points** to facilitate communication and the respect of guidelines) remain open with an officer-in-charge system and colleagues can access the premises on voluntary basis while respecting certain limitations and enhanced sanitary measures. All administrative decisions and internal guidelines, including those related to essential business travel, are taken in line with authorities' recommendations, which we continue to closely monitor. To strengthen our telecommuting capabilities, we have purchased the CISCO Webex teleconferencing system and contracted the Interprefy App for simultaneous interpretation during our meetings. We have also enhanced our teleconferencing technical equipment in Copenhagen.

Rules of Procedure

In September 2020, President Tsereteli and then Vice President Lord Bowness launched a comprehensive reform process of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, underscoring the need to update them after over twenty years and include a number of important issues currently left out, as for instance the whole VLO mechanisms and election observation. To this end, I have tasked Ambassador Nothelle, the International Secretariat's rules of procedure advisor, to assist in this process. A draft package of revised rules will soon be presented for a first discussion to the Sub-Committee on Rules of Procedures and Working practices. Parallely, and as a priority, we have also been working with the Bureau on some **emergency clauses** – a sort of “**insurance policy**” - on the elections of PA officers if statutory meetings cannot take place, as happened in 2020, which is a situation that in this case had no alternatives but that we do not wish to repeat.

Budget

The International Secretariat has fully endorsed the proposal of our Treasurer to embody the foreseeable combination of economic recession and subsequent austerity policies by Governments and Parliaments by requesting no increases to the 2020/2021 PA budget and additionally using savings of the 2019/2020 budget as discount for States' contributions. I thank the Standing Committee for approving, via silence procedure last June, the current budget. We are now discussing with the Treasurer the draft budget for 2021/2022. While I expect a zero-nominal growth, since consistent savings will derive from the switch to online activities, I will request to move some funding to the Junior Professional Officers programme, increasing the number of JPOs

from two to four, as well as to the above-mentioned Helsinki +50 Process, an area where the PA can play a significant political contribution in the years to come. Finally, I wish to express continued **gratitude to the Danish Parliament** - our biggest contributor and host of our headquarters - **to the Austrian government** assisting with the VLO premises, as well as **to Italy and Germany** for seconding staff. Secondments are something I would encourage more delegations to consider in the future.

Staff

It is important for me to spend **words of special appreciation for the whole OSCE PA Staff** for their work, commitment, and dedication in these very challenging months, and for the capacity to adapt with flexibility to the new circumstances. Switching to telecommuting is not always easy - I think for instance of colleagues with kids at home, or, for opposite reasons, of colleagues living alone. A particular mention goes to our Research Assistants, whose contribution in this period has been instrumental: we are glad we could, where possible, exceptionally extend their contracts so as to enable them to benefit from a full cycle of PA activities, “freezing” the lockdown period. My deep sympathy also goes to those colleagues who have been infected with COVID-19 and their families. In this period, the International Secretariat grew stronger: alongside the above-mentioned hiring of Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, we have **welcomed in the VLO Ms. Daria Boyarskaya in the capacity of Advisor** as of 1 February 2021. Besides a number of functions, she will also lend her expertise of professional interpreter-translator, as it is my intention to release our media products in both English and Russian language, as you may have already seen in the last weeks. Moreover, with this new arrival **the staff of the International Secretariat**, including Research Assistants, **reached an exact gender balance**. While this is a positive step, **I remain committed to ensuring that more balance is also achieved at managerial level in the future**.

IV – Association of Former Members

I have taken note that a project for an association of former members of the OSCE PA, similar to those of some of our partner organizations, driven by 10 former Presidents under the leadership of George Tsereteli, has taken shape and aims at maintaining connections, continuing networking, and putting available expertise at the service of the Assembly. This has to remain an entirely private undertaking without any financial or operational implications for the International Secretariat and the Assembly. Any future initiative in connection with the OSCE PA of this Association will have to be discussed and approved by the decision-making bodies of the Assembly, namely its Bureau and the Standing Committee.

V – Second Mandate 2021-2025

On 1 January 2021 I started my second five-year term as OSCE PA Secretary General, following the re-election by the Standing Committee. In a **letter I wrote to the whole PA in December⁶**, I took the opportunity to take stock of three main achievements of the first term: 1) the establishment of an **excellent cooperation with the OSCE executive structures**, based on providing a parliamentary added value in the framework of the wider “OSCE family” product; 2)

⁶ <https://www.oscepa.org/documents/international-secretariat/secretary-general-s-report/4124-message-from-osce-pa-secretary-general-roberto-montella-on-the-beginning-of-his-second-term-in-office-23-december-2020/file>

the adaptation of our work to better enable Parliamentarians to provide a concrete contribution in relevant fields, **making the PA a politically dynamic body**; 3) **Administrative reforms aimed at increasing efficiency, transparency and accountability**. These three points will guide me also for the next five years, with the **overarching goal to keep improving and strengthening our service to Parliamentarians and increase their impact on the international security agenda**. The potential of the OSCE PA is high: it has the right assets to reject the daily political tittle-tattle and think strategically to the long term, for the benefit of citizens. We face many global challenges for which international cooperation, including at parliamentary level, is crucial. Multilateralism needs to be reinforced, and we need to unwaveringly invest in it. If there is any lesson we learned this year, it is that **the “selfish recipe” simply does not work**. I reflected upon this, as well as on the role of Parliaments and Politics in multilateralism, in an op-ed⁷ I published in April.

VI – Upcoming months

In the coming months we will continue to monitor closely the epidemiological situation in the OSCE area and plan our activities and their format accordingly. The strong hope is to be able to conduct in person both our **Annual Session, planned for July in Bucharest, and our Autumn Meeting in October in Dublin**, alongside other important appointments for the OSCE PA, such as **the Leinsweiler Seminar**. We are also working to make use of a professional software for events registration and database. **Foreseeable election observations will include Bulgaria, Albania, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan**. We will support our leadership in its engagement in all portfolios, with an attentive eye on crises situations as well on all proposals to enhance PA contribution. Our committees and Special Representatives are scheduling events and we will, as usual, take due care of informing delegations of all activities. **We will also continue to streamline the UN Sustainable Development Agenda into the Assembly’s work** both at policy level and through concrete activities. Aligning the work of the OSCE PA to the work of OSCE executive structures will remain my personal priority: to this end, I plan on hosting **an informal retreat with the new OSCE Heads of Institution** as soon as conditions will allow, and I look forward to further engaging in the Call for Action – Helsinki +50 process.

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Finally, I wish to express **my deepest gratitude to the whole OSCE PA family – Members of Parliament, Staff of Delegations, Colleagues at the Secretariat** – for how close we managed to stay during this challenging year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. When contacts and dialogue were made more difficult by circumstances, we instead strengthened them and proved how much joining forces can achieve. This is all what the OSCE, and multilateralism at large, are all about.

Thank you, Grazie, Спасибо, Merci, Gracias, Danke!

⁷ <https://www.oscepa.org/news-a-media/op-eds/the-covid-19-pandemic-multilateralism-and-parliaments>

Annex I – OSCE PA Activities since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic

This table refers to OSCE PA events (highlighted in blue) and external outreach activities conducted by the International Secretariat autonomously or in direct support to PA Members. It does not include routine coordination meetings, daily and office-based work on a number of further projects and activities, public statements, nor the OSCE meetings regularly attended by the Vienna Liaison Office Staff.

Informal Bureau Meeting	25 Mar.
Informal Bureau Meeting	8 Apr.
PA Webinar on the Economic Security Fallout of the COVID-19 Pandemic	22 Apr.
Statutory Bureau Meeting	27 Apr.
Meeting of Former OSCE PA Presidents	29 Apr.
Special Rep. on Human Trafficking address to ODIHR Webinar	4 May
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration	6 May
PA Webinar on Human Rights and States of Emergency	8 May
Meeting of the Secretariat with Staff of Delegations	12 May
PA Webinar on COVID-19 and Conflicts	15 May
Participation in SIPRI Webinar on democratic governance	15 May
PA Webinar on COVID-19 as a turning point for environmental protection	22 May
President and S.R. on SEE Meeting with PA South East Europe delegations	25 May
PA Webinar on Protecting refugees and migrants during the pandemic	26 May
Informal Bureau Meeting	29 May
Participation in Silk Road Support Group Webinar	3 June
SG address to IES conference on international relations after COVID	4 June
Special Rep. on Arctic bilateral meeting with Arctic Council Director	4 June
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism	5 June
Contribution to ODIHR Webinar on Parliaments and new technologies	5 June
Contribution to OSCE Human Dimension Committee on election observation	9 June
President Meeting with PA Central Asia Heads of Delegation	9 June
President address to IPU Webinar on COVID and SDGs	9 June
PA Webinar on Gendered impact of COVID-19	15 June
Contribution to ODIHR Seminar on HR challenges related to information gathering and sharing in border management in the counter-terrorism context	15 June
President meeting with PA GUAM countries Heads of Delegation	18 June
President and VP to UK House of Lords Conf. on unaccompanied child refugees	19 June
PA Webinar on Diverse Societies	22 June
Contribution to OSCE SHDM on Freedom of Expression	22-23 June
President Meeting with PA Mongolian Delegation	23 June

President Meeting with PA Microstates Delegations	23 June
President Meeting with PA Russian and Belorussian delegations	26 June
Contribution to OSCE regional HoDs meeting in Central Asia	26 June
PA-UNOCT-PAM Webinar on Countering Terrorism during the pandemic	30 June
President Meeting with PA Armenian Delegation	2 July
SG Participation in OSCE Heads of Institution Meeting	3 July
Ad Hoc Comm. on Migration Briefings with EU Comm. DGs HOME and ECHO	3 and 6 July
Participation in the United Nations Virtual Counter-Terrorism Week	6 – 10 July
Standing Committee Meeting	7 July
Visit of Acting MFA of Albania to the PA Secretariat	8 July
Meeting with OSCE 2021 Swedish Chairmanship Task Force	15 July
Participation in NAM to Kyrgyzstan	20 -27 July
President's address to Samarkand Forum	12-13 Aug.
EOM to Montenegro	30 August
Informal Bureau Meeting	2 Sept.
Brainstorming Retreat on OSCE Call for Action	7-8 Sept.
President's Visit to Denmark	9-10 Sept.
Contribution to ODIHR event on youth engagement	10 Sept.
Contribution to OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference	14-15 Sept.
PA Webinar on Arctic and Climate Change	16 Sept.
Contribution to the Focal Points' Meeting with UNOCT	17 Sept.
Bureau Meeting on Belarus	23 Sept.
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration	23 Sept.
CCT Chair Visit to the OSCE Secretariat	24 Sept.
President address to HCNM HL Dialogue on autonomy in Moldova	29 Sept.
President's address to Chatham House event on Belarus	2 Oct.
Visit of VP Cederfelt to the Secretariat	6 October
Contribution to HCNM/Helsinki Comm. event on policing in diverse societies	6 October
PA Webinar on <i>Parliamentarians & Journalists: Partners Against Corruption</i>	14 October
Meeting of the Secretariat with Staff of Delegations	15 October
Contribution to OSCE Security Days on 30th ann. Paris Charter	16 October
Informative Briefing with the Italian Society of Environmental Medicine (SIMA)	23 October
Participation in NAM to Kazakhstan	27-29 Oct.
Migration Comm. meeting w. Greek Minister for Migration and Asylum	27 October
EOM to Georgia	31 October
EOM to USA	3 Nov.
President address to Roundtable on Western Balkans	9 Nov.

Lecture on OSCE PA at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek	10 Nov.
Contribution to Early Warning Network “Open Sources Intelligence”	11-12 Nov.
Standing Committee Meeting	12 Nov.
VP Participation in Stockholm Security Conference	19 Nov.
PA Event on Paris Charter 30th Anniversary	20 Nov.
Contribution to ODIHR Seminar on Alternative Voting	24 Nov.
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism on information-sharing and international co-operation in fighting terrorism	25 Nov.
President’s address to the OSCE Permanent Council	26 Nov.
President’s Advisory Group Meeting	27 Nov.
OSCE Heads of Institution Meeting	30 Nov.
Statutory Meeting of the Bureau	2 Dec.
President Address to the OSCE Ministerial Council	3 – 4 Dec.
PA Side Event at OSCE Ministerial Council and launch of Call for Action	3 Dec.
Contribution to UK House of Lords Conf. on relocation of vulnerable refugees	4 Dec.
Contribution to the OCEEA International Anti-Corruption Day Webinar	9 December
Participation in OSCE TNTD/ATU Focal Point meeting	15 Dec.
Meeting of former OSCE PA Presidents	16 Dec.
Ad Hoc Committee on Migration briefing on situation in BiH	17 Dec.
S. R. on Central Asia meeting with CA Permanent Representatives to OSCE	17 Dec.
EOM (LEOT) to Kazakhstan	10 Jan.
EOM (SLEOM) to Kyrgyzstan	10 Jan.
S.R. South Caucasus meetings with Armenia and Azerbaijan delegations	12-13 Jan.
S.R. Central Asia meeting with Mongolian Permanent Representative to OSCE	
Contribution to Chairmanship Opening events and Regional WGs	14-15 Jan.
S.R. Central Asia Meeting with the OSCE CPC	
President's Address to the OSCE Permanent Council	21 Jan.
Participation in NAM to Albania	24-27 Jan.
Contribution to UNOCT– IPU –UNODC Consultations on the Development of Model Legislative Provisions to Support Victims of Terrorism	28 Jan.
Informal Bureau Meeting	26 Jan.
Meeting of the Call for Action Working Group	27 Jan.
S.R. South Caucasus meeting with Georgian delegation	1 Feb.
S.R. Eastern Europe Meeting with Belarus interlocutors	5 Feb.
Contribution to the PAM-UNOCT joint meeting on counterterrorism	15 Feb.
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism	18 Feb.
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration	19 Feb.
SG Address to Conference on 10th Anniversary of OSCE Astana Summit	19 Feb.

