

## Assembly Leadership Meets in Copenhagen



Vice-President Barbara Haering (Switzerland) addresses the Bureau Members. Seen here with Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco), Hans Raidel (Germany), PA Deputy Secretary General Tina Schøn, Wolfgang Grossruck (Austria), and Tone Tingsgaard (Sweden)

The Bureau of the OSCE PA met in Copenhagen on 23 April 2007 in preparation for the upcoming Annual Session to be held in Kyiv in July. Chaired by OSCE PA President Göran Lennmarker, the meeting brought together all of the elected officials of the Assembly: the PA's Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Officers of the three General Committees.

President Lennmarker reported on his activities since the Assembly's Winter Meeting in February, including his meetings with the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos, with the President of the European Parliament, Hans-Gert Pöttering, and with President of the Council of Europe PA, René van der Linden.

Hosted by the Danish Parliament, the meeting provided an opportunity to review and discuss Assembly activities. In particular, there was discussion about election observation activities and preparations for the upcoming election

observation mission in Armenia, to be led by Vice-President Tone Tingsgaard.

The Rapporteurs of the General Committees presented their draft Reports and Resolutions, which they are preparing for the Annual Session. Members of the Bureau provided comments and feedback on the drafts. The Rapporteurs will now finalize their work, which will be distributed to all OSCE PA delegations.

Members were also briefed on preparations for upcoming meetings in Andorra, Kyiv, and Portoroz.

### PA President to Visit Central Asia

PA President Göran Lennmarker will visit Central Asia from 27 April to 4 May 2007. Kazakhstan will be the first stop on the trip.

The trip by President Lennmarker is part of an official OSCE PA trip to Central Asia to encourage greater parliamentary involvement in the OSCE. In 2008, Kazakhstan will be host to the OSCE PA's Annual Session, and hopes assume the Chairmanship of the OSCE in 2009. President Lennmarker and President Emeritus Hastings have both expressed their strong support for Kazakhstan.

The trip to Central Asia will also include visits to Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. In February, Mr. Lennmarker paid a visit to Turkmenistan.

The Assembly delegation includes Dr. Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland) who has led recent OSCE election observation missions to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver, Deputy Secretary General Vitaly Evseyev, Director of Communications Klas Bergman and Programme Officer Anna Chernova.



President Emeritus Hastings (USA) addresses the Bureau, along with Vice-Presidents Cardin (USA) and Soares (Portugal)