

PA President participates in Crimea Platform, urges restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity



Pia Kauma delivers remarks at the Second Parliamentary Summit of the Crimea Platform in Prague, 24 October 2023

The international community must remain steadfast in supporting Ukraine, OSCE PA President Pia Kauma (Finland) said Tuesday at the Second Parliamentary Summit of the International Crimea Platform in Prague. Addressing the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ruslan Stefanchuk, Speakers of Parliament from some 55 countries and presidents of multilateral parliamentary organizations, Kauma underlined the importance of fostering connections between parliamentarians and building

long-term political support for a just peace in Ukraine.

"The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has been an outspoken supporter of Ukraine for the past decade," President Kauma said. "We have never shied away from speaking our mind."

The President highlighted the recent establishment of the OSCE PA's Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine, which was created by a decision of the Standing Committee last July to ensure that the Assembly is more responsive to the needs of colleagues in Kyiv. Several members of the Parliamentary Support Team attended the Crimea Platform, including Chair of the OSCE PA's human rights committee, Lucie Potuckova (Czech Republic), Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine), and Mark Demesmaecker (Belgium). Secretary General Roberto Montella participated as well.

In her remarks, President Kauma expressed support for the Joint Declaration of the Participants of the Second Parliamentary Summit of the International Crimea Platform, which was adopted at the close of the meeting.

Deadline reminder for 2023 Autumn Meeting

The 21st Autumn Meeting of the OSCE PA will be held 18-20 November in Yerevan, Armenia. Delegations are kindly reminded that the deadline for registering as a participant for the meeting is Friday 27 October.

Registrations can be completed here: <https://oscepa.eventsair.com/autumn-meeting-2023/officialobservers/Site/Register>

President Kauma discusses priorities with OSCE PA Special Representatives



OSCE PA Special Representatives met on 20 October with President Pia Kauma for discussions about plans and

future activities to promote peace and co-operation in the OSCE area. Ten Special Representatives took part in the online meeting, discussing work on issues including human trafficking, organized crime, climate change, and fighting corruption. Special Representatives focusing on regions such as South East Europe, Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and the South Caucasus also participated in the discussion, highlighting their priorities in the work ahead.

The meeting served as an opportunity to promote synergy in the work of the Special Representatives and to minimize duplication, as well as how to best complement the work of the PA's committees.

Special Representative Karimi meets with delegations from Turkmenistan and Tajikistan

Following online discussions last month with the delegations of Uzbekistan and Mongolia, OSCE PA Special Representative on Central Asia Farah Karimi (Netherlands) today met virtually with the Heads of Delegations of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, Saidmurod Fattohzoda and the Speaker of Turkmenistan's Parliament Dunyagozel Gulmanova. The meetings served as an opportunity for Special Representative Karimi to hear the priorities and concerns of parliamentarians from the

region, explore issues of mutual concern and focus on areas where intra-regional and inter-parliamentary co-operation can be enhanced. Karimi stressed the importance of strong Central Asian engagement in the OSCE PA and thanked the delegations for their continued support. Karimi intends to continue the series of online discussions with upcoming meetings with the delegations of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, as well as representatives of OSCE field operations in the region.

SG Montella and Amb. Pančeski meet with Permanent Representatives to the OSCE

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella is in Vienna meeting with a number of OSCE ambassadors. Accompanied by members of the OSCE PA's Vienna Office, including the PA's Special Representative in Vienna, Amb. Miodrag Pančeski, and guided by the Vancouver Declaration, SG Montella is holding bilateral meetings with a focus on the 2024 Chairpersonship, the OSCE's unified budget approval, and renewals of the mandates of OSCE heads of institutions. Expressing strong support for the smooth functioning of the Organization, SG Montella also presented the work of the PA with a special focus on the new Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine and the upcoming OSCE PA Autumn Meeting in Yerevan.



German Ambassador Susanne Schütz and SG Roberto Montella in Vienna, 25 October 2023.

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