

## OSCE PA President Pons meets with Speaker Stefanchuk in Madrid



Ruslan Stefanchuk and Pere Joan Pons meet in Madrid, 10 February 2026

**P**A President Pere Joan Pons met on Tuesday with Speaker of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada Ruslan Stefanchuk in Madrid.

Pons and Stefanchuk used the opportunity to follow up on their meeting in Kyiv last autumn, with the President informing the Speaker of ongoing OSCE PA activities in support of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The sides also discussed the prospects for observing Ukrainian elections when the conditions allow.

Stefanchuk made clear his view that Ukraine is not only resisting an invasion, but Russian authoritarianism, which threatens liberal democracies. Pons stressed that international law should be upheld in any ceasefire or peace negotiations.

## Special Representative on Combating Organized Crime Zoffili visits Washington

**O**SCCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative on Combating Organized Crime Eugenio Zoffili (Italy) visited the United States last week, meeting with members of Congress, senior U.S. administration officials and law-enforcement leaders to reinforce co-operation against organized crime and drug trafficking. He held meetings with senior officials from the White House, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Justice, and the Organization of American States. He also



Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Hayden O'Byrne and Special Representative Eugenio Zoffili, Washington, 6 February

visited the Heritage Foundation for discussions on security and anti-drug strategies.

## Special Rep Szabo participates in OSCE Chairpersonship Conference on Combating Anti-Semitism

**O**SCCE Special Representative on Combating Racism, Anti-Semitism, Xenophobia and Discrimination Tímea Szabó (Hungary) participated in the OSCE Chairpersonship's Conference on Combating Anti-Semitism: Addressing Challenges of Intolerance and Discrimination, held in St. Gallen from 9-10

February. Discussions centred on preventive strategies and the exchange of good practices to counter prejudice and discrimination – issues of particular relevance to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as it works to further strengthen its contribution to broader OSCE efforts in this field.

## Winter Meeting agendas posted

The agendas for next week's OSCE PA Winter Meeting, including for each of the general committees and the joint sessions of the general committees, have been posted on the web. Please visit [www.oscepa.org](http://www.oscepa.org).

## Secretary General Montella meets with US Members in Washington

**O**SCCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella was in Washington, DC, last week, holding productive meetings with Members of the US Delegation, including Head of Delegation Joe Wilson, Vice-President Richard Hudson, First Committee Chair Marc Veasey, Robert Aderholt, and Sheldon Whitehouse. Montella conveyed the priorities of President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) and briefed the Members on PA activities, with a focus on Ukraine, Georgia, and the Western Balkans. The US Members expressed a high level of commitment to the OSCE PA and noted that a large US delegation is expected to participate in the Winter Meeting in Vienna.

While in Washington, Montella addressed a security forum



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with a number of Speakers of Parliaments and Ministers in attendance, as well as members of Congress, highlighting the ongoing importance of the transatlantic relationship. He also met with the First Committee Vice-Chair Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro).

## PA Conference Team visits Andorra in preparation for 24th Autumn Meeting



OSCE PA conference team with Andorra Parliament Speaker Carles Enseñat and staff, 2 February 2026

**T**he OSCE PA's conference team was in Andorra last week to discuss logistical, technical and security matters ahead of the 24th Autumn Meeting, to be held 7-9 October in Andorra. OSCE PA Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares was joined by Odile Lelarge, Dimitrije Todoric and Anzhelika Ivanishcheva on the assessment visit on 2-4 February, meeting with parliament staff for practical discussions, as well as Parliament Speaker Carles Enseñat, who noted his country's eagerness to welcome the Assembly once again to Andorra.

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