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Expression of Support for Mr. Roberto Montella's candidacy for Secretary General of the OSCE PA

Dear Madam President, *dear Pia*,

I learned with great satisfaction about Mr. Roberto Montella's intention to candidate for the position as Secretary General of the OSCE PA for another term. I particularly welcome this will, which, in these very difficult times, is essential in ensuring the effective functioning of our Assembly.

For four years now, our Assembly has been experiencing successive major crises. The one caused by the Covid-19 pandemic had already posed unprecedented challenges to the functioning of interparliamentary assemblies like ours. Under the leadership of Mr. Montella, the OSCE PA's international secretariat was one of the first to ensure that work could resume quickly. The Secretariat's performance was undeniable, since it was necessary to find innovative solutions to enable us to continue our debates. At all times, Mr. Montella listened to our delegations and did the best to respond to our expectations.

To the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, followed the outbreak of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Given the historic nature of its mission, our parliamentary Assembly had to refocus almost all of its work on the catastrophic consequences of this war. In this context, we sometimes experienced virulent exchanges among delegations, which had eventually consequences on the international secretariat. In a working atmosphere where tensions were at their highest, our Assembly was nevertheless able to make adjustments to restore greater stability and serenity. In doing so and despite the difficulties he had to cope with, Mr. Montella, alongside you and your predecessor, consistently called for the maintaining of our Assembly's cohesion. The Swiss delegation greatly appreciated this attitude.

In view of the substantial contributions made by Mr. Montella to the proper and smooth running of our institution despite these major crises, I can assure you that I will warmly recommend to our Standing Committee to reappoint him.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Faessler
Councillor of States
President of the Swiss delegation to the OSCE PA