During the Greek OSCE Chairmanship we launched, within the OSCE, the widely acclaimed Corfu Process, an ambitious forum for dialogue among all 56 participating States about the future of the Organization in the context of the wider structure of European security. This initiative stemmed from our clear conviction that the Organization needs to take stock of its achievements and reclaim its relevance in the 21st century, through institutional reform. Petros Efthymiou is fully aware of what lies at stake. He is the person who has the political vision and can also show the leadership, initiative and determination necessary, to claim for the OSCE parliamentarians the role they can and should play in the Organization. I am deeply convinced that his vision, international experience and deep-knowledge of the OSCE will be an invaluable asset to the PA and to the Organization as a whole.

Petros Efthymiou is deeply committed to the objectives of the OSCE and to the democratic values that form its foundations. I am sure that his political nous and moderation will enable him to steer the OSCE PA wisely and to the benefit of all our democracies.

Hoping that you will warmly support Petros Efthymiou in his noble quest to become the next President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,

With my best regards,

Dora Bakoyannis