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Personal Statement

Our Assembly has a valuable culture of dialogue and co-operation between Members of Parliament from NATO and its partnership countries, and a welcome tradition of mutual respect, even when we disagree. Our Committees produce topical and relevant reports which enable us as Parliamentarians to keep up to date with political and security challenges facing our Alliance. These assets need to be nurtured and further developed.

In particular, over the next two years, I should like our Assembly to:

- Encourage NATO to become more transparent and further improve the way it reports its activities to National Parliaments in member states, to our Assembly and to the public.
- Closely monitor the security transition and ISAF troop drawdown in Afghanistan.
- Follow developments and support initiatives to strengthen political and human rights, economic development and democratic control of armed forces in the Middle East and North Africa, and in countries in transition in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.
- Seek to strengthen women's rights, especially within the security sector and in conflict affected states.
- Improve the Assembly's public diplomacy to explain to our sometimes sceptical public that the North Atlantic area still faces security threats to which a collective response, through our Alliance, provides the best defence.



Hugh Bayley visits a women's microcredit and employment service in Afghanistan

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