

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During this week, there were the usual meetings of the PC, the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC) and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the PC Committees and meetings of other informal bodies. In addition, like during the previous week, there were a high number of drafting sessions for Ministerial Council declarations and decisions. In addition to that, I had a meeting with the future (as of January 1, 2014) Special Representative of the incoming Swiss OSCE Chairmanship for South East Europe, Amb. Gérard Stoudmann.

The PC finally decided on the modalities for next week's Ministerial Council Meeting. The decision was followed by a strong interpretative statement of Turkey on behalf of Turkic speaking countries complaining about the exclusion of their organization from the MC meeting. The report by the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatovic, was followed by a long debate, as this year also represents the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this institution. In my statement (PA.GAL/11/13), I outlined how the OSCE PA had sponsored the creation of this institution before the Ministers decided to establish it. At the occasion of the report of the OSCE Secretary General on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan I briefed the PC (PA.GAL/10/13) about the work of the PA's Special Representative on Gender Hedy Fry.

The likelihood that participating States will agree on substantive texts at the MC meeting has not increased. There is still opposition from participating States against references to the work of the PA in OSCE documents. In private discussions, some diplomats have again questioned the status and the rights of the PA in the process.

In the meeting with Amb. Stoudmann I informed him about the activities of the PA in the region in general, and the PA's Special Representative on South East Europe in particular.



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