



The Secretary General

Date: Copenhagen, 19 April 2016

To: Members of the Standing Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

cc: Secretaries of National Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

From: Roberto Montella, Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Re: **Venues for the Statutory Meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 2017**

Dear Members of the Standing Committee,

I would like to inform you that having received official invitations from the Parliaments of Belarus and Andorra, the Assembly has confirmed venues for all the statutory meetings during 2017. The Assembly's Annual Session will therefore take place in Minsk during the first half of July 2017, and the Autumn Meeting will be held in Andorra la Vella at a date to be determined in the first half of October 2017. The Assembly will also meet in Vienna for the Winter Meeting on 23 and 24 February 2017.

At its meeting in Copenhagen on 11 April, the Bureau of the Assembly unanimously welcomed the invitations of Belorussian and Andorran Delegations.

I take this opportunity to warmly thank and congratulate the Belorussian and Andorran Parliaments and particularly their Delegations to the OSCE PA for their invitation and their commitment to the Assembly.

As you all know, our Parliamentary Assembly functions in an extremely cost-effective way, but we need the continuous support and engagement of national delegations to ensure that the Assembly can continue its programme of activities and meetings. I believe there is a need for more involvement, and I encourage those Parliaments that have not yet hosted the Assembly to do so in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Roberto Montella'.

Roberto Montella