

Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

PC Brief Week 25, 2016

This week, there were meetings of the Permanent Council (PC), the Security Committee, the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (ACMF), and other informal meetings. Additionally, there was the full-day fifth "Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security". Also, PA SG Roberto Montella continued his visit to Vienna, which included meeting with OSCE SG Zannier and participation in the regular Monday morning coordination meeting with the OSCE Secretariat.

The PC did not take decisions. There were the usual debates on the usual topics. Russia referred to the invitation it had extended to the ODIHR to observe its general elections later this year. OSCE SG Amb. Zannier, in his report, also spoke about his meetings with OSCE PA SG Montella. The Swiss delegation announced the next meeting of the Working Group on Migration, to be held next Monday, and the cooperation with the OSCE PA during this meeting.

As reported in the News from Copenhagen I delivered a keynote at the Code of Conduct Implementation meeting. I highlighted the PA's contribution to the Code of Conduct Conference in Berlin earlier this month organized jointly by Germany's 2016 OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center (CPC) and in partnership with the PA. I also briefed the audience about the very detailed 2014 Baku resolution of the OSCE PA. CPC Director Ambassador Marcel Pesko, in his opening remarks, elaborated on the PA extensive contribution to the topic and thanked for its contribution to the Berlin conference. The representative of the German Chairmanship also reiterated her appreciation.

The OSCE Chairmanship has distributed a draft Ministerial Council Decision which would hand over the 2018 Chairmanship of the OSCE to Italy (after Austria in 2017).



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