

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
AUTUMN MEETING**

Ulaanbaatar, 17 September 2015

1. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 10.10 with Mr. Ilkka KANERVA (Finland), President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair.

2. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

3. Report of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

President KANERVA reported to the Standing Committee on his activities since the Committee's last meeting.

Speakers: Mr. KOVALEV (Russian Federation), Mr. GERASYMOV (Ukraine), Mr. NERI (France), Mr. HARSTEDT (Sweden), Mr. JUEL JENSEN (Denmark), Mr. TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. LOMBARDI (Switzerland), Mr. VOISIN (France), Mr. SOARES (Portugal), Ms. VUKOMANOVIC (Serbia), Ms. AKNAZAROVA (Kyrgyzstan), Mr. SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain), Mr. COMPAGNA (Italy), Mr. AHMADZAI (Afghanistan).

The PRESIDENT responded to questions.

4. Report of the Treasurer of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Ms. Doris BARNETT (Treasurer) presented her report to the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Mr. HARSTEDT (Sweden), Ms. BARNETT (Treasurer)

**4.1 Setting of Duties, Remuneration and Conditions of Employment
of the new Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

In accordance with Rule 40.1, Ms. BARNETT (Treasurer) presented her proposal regarding the duties, remuneration and conditions of employment of the new Secretary General.

The Standing Committee approved the TREASURER's proposal.

Speakers: Mr. NERI (France), Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General), Mr. BOWNESS (United Kingdom).

5. Report of the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General) presented his report to the Standing Committee.

6. Reports and Information on Activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

6.1 Reports on Election Observation Activities

The PRESIDENT announced the following upcoming election observation missions:

Parliamentary Elections in Kyrgyzstan	October 4
Presidential Elections in Belarus	October 11
Parliamentary Elections in Turkey	November 1

Speakers: Mr. BAYDAR (Turkey), Ms. COMIC (Serbia), Mr. HARSTEDT (Sweden), Mr. TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. SOARES (Portugal), Mr. BEKKEVOLD (Norway), Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General), Mr. VIGENIN (Bulgaria).

6.2 Reports on the Activities of the Ad Hoc Committees

Mr. SOARES (Portugal), Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Reform of the OSCE, presented his report.

Ms. DADE (Albania) presented the report of the Parliamentary Team on Moldova.

6.3 Reports on the Activities of Special Representatives

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee of the appointment of a new Special Representative for the Baltic Sea Area,

Mr. KLIMKE (Germany), Special Representative for the Baltic Sea Area, presented his report.

7. Report on Preparations for Future OSCE PA Meetings

Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General) briefed the Standing Committee on the Assembly's upcoming meetings:

- *Meeting of the Bureau on 2 December 2015 in Belgrade, Serbia (in conjunction with the OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting on 3 and 4 December 2015)*
- *Winter Meeting, 25-26 February 2016 in Vienna, Austria*
- *Meeting of the Bureau in (date TBC) April 2016 in Copenhagen, Denmark*
- *25th Annual Session, July 2016 in Tbilisi, Georgia (dates to be confirmed)*
- *Autumn Meeting 2016 in Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (dates to be confirmed)*
- *Invitations for Assembly's Meetings in the future*

Speakers: Ms. BARNETT (Treasurer), Mr. TSERETELI (Georgia), Mr. GJORCEV (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

8. Other Business

A discussion took place on a possible statement regarding the current migrant/refugee crisis.

Speakers: Mr. SANCHEZ AMOR (Spain), Mr. TSERETELI (Georgia), Ms. DOBESOVA (Czech Republic), Mr. NERI (France), Ms. TIDEI (Italy), Mr. KANERVA (President), Mr. FITTIS (Cyprus), Ms. BATCHIMEG (Mongolia), Mr. LOMBARDI (Switzerland), Mr. OLIVER (Secretary General).

The PRESIDENT adjourned the meeting at 12.40 p.m.