



## The Secretary General

To: Heads of OSCE PA Delegations  
Members of the OSCE PA Bureau

CC: Secretaries of OSCE PA Delegations

Copenhagen, 20 October 2017

Dear Members of the Standing Committee,

As you may know, President Christine Muttunen was not re-elected in her domestic capacity during the 15 October parliamentary elections in Austria. President Muttunen's mandate in the Austrian Parliament, and Membership in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, therefore expires with the opening of the new parliament, which we understand to be planned for 9 November 2017.

Rule 5-8 of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Rules of Procedure states that:

*"The Vice-President who has obtained the highest number of votes among the Vice-Presidents with greatest length of service, and, at a parity of votes, the eldest of them, may act as President when the latter is unable to exercise his or her functions, until the Assembly elects a successor."*

According to records maintained by the International Secretariat, George Tsereteli is currently the Vice-President with the greatest length of service, having first been elected Vice-President in 2012. I have therefore today written to Vice-President Tsereteli, asking that he assume the office and act as President from 9 November 2017 until the Assembly elects a successor. Under Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, the Assembly will elect a successor before the close of the next Annual Session, from 7-11 July 2018. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr. Tsereteli the very best in this new role.

I and the International Secretariat look forward to serving under this new political leadership, and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all OSCE parliamentarians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Roberto Montella'.

Roberto Montella