

## Special Representative

To:

PA President

and

PA Secretary General

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During these weeks there were meetings of the Permanent Council (PC), the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC), the Contact Groups with the Partners for Cooperation, many meetings of the informal bodies and drafting sessions, as well as a two-day Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and an event of the Representative for the Freedom of the Media on “How do we curtail the spread of hate speech, violent extremism and disinformation online while protecting free speech?” I took part in the Reinforced Ambassadorial Retreat in Bratislava. Marco Bonabello participated in a Meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean on Counterterrorism in Rome and Francesco Pagani in a Staff meeting in Copenhagen.

The PC extended the mandates of the OSCE field presences in Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia (“Skopje”), Serbia and Uzbekistan and forward the Ministerial Council Agenda to the ministers. The FSC adopted Agenda and Modalities of the Thirtieth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting and approved the Conflict Prevention Center’s Support for the Annual Exchange of Military Information.

The main focus continued to be on the growing number of draft documents that have been put forward for the Ministerial Council meeting which will start in Bratislava this week (see attached list). With many delegations insisting on language that clearly and foreseeably crosses “Red Lines” of others, it is difficult to predict whether there will be any meaningful paper output from this meeting. References to the work of the OSCE PA can be found in most drafts put forward by the Chairmanship – unfortunately most of these references have been objected to by the delegation of the Russian Federation. Hopefully, this will change during the drafting sessions that will start in Bratislava tomorrow. So far, it has not been possible to adopt decisions on the next two chairmanships after Albania (Sweden/Poland). These decisions seem to have become hostage to some bilateral issues.

Another focus remains on the budget discussions. The deadline will be quickly reached after the Ministerial Council.



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