

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

**Vienna**

**Friday 24 February 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was opened at 14:08 with the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Margareta CEDERFELT, in the Chair.

Mr Petr TOLSTOY (Russian Federation) was called to order by the Chair for disturbing proceedings (Rule 9.2).

The adoption of the draft agenda was objected to. The Standing Committee voted. The agenda was adopted.

Mr Andrei SAVINYKH (Belarus) took the floor.

**2. Reports on Activities of the OSCE PA**

The PRESIDENT addressed the Standing Committee.

Speakers: Dr Hedy FRY (Canada), Mr Mark PRITCHARD (United Kingdom), Mr Pascal ALLIZARD (France), Ms Paula CARDOSO (Portugal), Mr Dan BARNA (Romania), Mr Rihards KOLS (Latvia), Ms Barbara BARTUS (Poland), Mr Petr TOLSTOY (Russian Federation), Ms Farah KARIMI (Netherlands), Ms Irene CHARALAMBIDES (Cyprus), Mr Azay GULIYEV (Azerbaijan), Dr Daniela DE RIDDER (Germany).

The SECRETARY GENERAL, Mr Roberto Montella, responded to comments.

**3. Address by Special Guest of the President, Ms. Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**

Ms. Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya addressed the Standing Committee.

**4. Report of the OSCE PA Treasurer**

The TREASURER, Mr Peter Juel-Jensen (Denmark), presented his report, and in accordance with Rule 41.3, also presented the audited accounts of the Assembly for the 29<sup>th</sup> financial year.

Speakers: Mr Malik BEN ACHOUR (Belgium), Ms Farah KARIMI (Netherlands), Ms Irene CHARALAMBIDES (Cyprus).

The TREASURER responded to comments.

**5. Report of the OSCE PA Secretary General**

The SECRETARY GENERAL, Mr Roberto Montella, presented his report.

Speakers: Mr Ben CARDIN (USA), Mr Johan BUSER (Sweden), Mr Pere Joan PONS (Spain), Ms Siv MOSSIETH (Norway).

## **6. Reports on Election Observation Missions**

Mr Pere Joan PONS (Spain), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Special Representative on the South Caucasus, presented his report.

Speaker: Mr Ben CARDIN (USA)

## **7. Report by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism**

Mr Reinhold LOPATKA (Austria), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, presented his report.

Mr Pascal ALLIZARD (France), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Chair of the Sub-Committee on Rules of Procedure, presented his report.

## **8. Report by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration**

Mr Mark PRITCHARD (United Kingdom), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration, presented his report.

## **9. Reports by OSCE PA Special Representatives**

Mr Ben CARDIN (USA), Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance, presented his report.

Dr Hedy FRY (Canada), Special Representative on Gender Issues, presented her report.

Ms Irene CHARALAMBIDES (Cyprus), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Special Representative on Fighting Corruption, presented her report.

Mr Oscar MINA (San Marino), Special Representative on Disinformation, Fake News and Propaganda, presented his report.

Ms Farah KARIMI (Netherlands), Special Representative on Youth Engagement, presented her report.

Mr Kyriakos HADJIYIANNI (Cyprus), Special Representative on Civil Society Engagement, presented his report.

Mr Pascal ALLIZARD (France), Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Special Representative on Mediterranean Affairs, presented his report.

Dr Daniela DE RIDDER (Germany) Special Representative on Eastern Europe, presented her report.

Mr Michael Georg LINK (Germany) Vice-President of the OSCE PA and Special Representative on South East Europe, presented his report.

**10. Reports on Preparations for future OSCE PA meetings in 2023**

The PRESIDENT informed the Standing Committee that a meeting of the Bureau would take place in Copenhagen on 23rd and 24th April, that the Thirtieth Annual Session of the OSCE PA would meet 30th June – 4th July in Vancouver, that the venue for the Autumn Meeting had yet to be set, and that a further meeting of the Bureau would be held on 30th November in Skopje.

**12. Close of Meeting**

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting at 16:40.