

News from Copenhagen

New ODIHR Director holds talks with OSCE PA in Copenhagen



Janez Lenarcic, the new Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, visited the International Secretariat of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen on 16 July and was received by OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver.

Also participating in the day-long discussions were the PA's new President Joao Soares and Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller. The talks between the representatives of the two OSCE institutions covered a wide range of issues,

with a particular focus on co-operation during future election observation missions. Mr. Lenarcic, who became ODIHR's new Director on 1 July, was accompanied by staff members, Nicolas Kaczorowski, Bernhard Knoll, and Jens-Hagen Eschenbaecher.

Other participants included OSCE PA Deputy Secretaries General Tina Schoen and Gustavo Pallares and the Secretary of Portugal's Delegation to the OSCE PA, Nuno Paixao.

Head of Russia's OSCE PA Delegation visits Secretariat

Aleksander Kozlovskiy, the Head of the Russian Federation's Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, visited the International Secretariat of the OSCE PA in Copenhagen on 17 July.

Mr. Kozlovskiy, a member of the Russian State Duma, met with Secretary General Spencer Oliver as well as President Joao Soares and Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss future co-operation between Russia and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

OSCE PA Deputy Secretary General Tina Schoen and Senior Counsellor Semyon Dzakhaev also participated in the discussions.



From left to right: OSCE PA President Joao Soares, Vice-President Pia Christmas-Moeller, ODIHR Director Janez Lenarcic and OSCE PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver.



Deadline Reminder

The deadline for registering for the OSCE PA Fall Meetings is 15 August. Registration forms are available on the OSCE PA website, www.oscepa.org, as is the draft agenda for the meetings, in French and English.

Further information on the Fall Meetings, to be held from to be held in Toronto, Canada from 18-21 September, is available at the Canadian Parliament's website, www.oscepa-aposce.ca.