

## President Tsereteli emphasizes inclusive multilateralism at human dimension meeting in Vienna



Addressing the OSCE's Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting in Vienna on Monday, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President George Tsereteli emphasized the need for broad multilateral diplomacy and an inclusive approach to international relations.

The meeting, organized by the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship with the support of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), focused on the mutually supporting role between the multilateral system and national human rights institutions, and the resulting benefits to the overall delivery of OSCE human dimension commitments.

"Many different actors, beyond state governments, have a

legitimate voice and we must listen to them if we want to find lasting solutions to the challenges facing us," said Tsereteli. "This in no way diminishes the importance of classic diplomacy among governments. Quite the contrary; an inclusive approach adds strength and legitimacy to international relations that can otherwise appear distant from the real needs of the people we serve." He added that a broad outlook to multilateral diplomacy, involving parliamentarians, civil society, academia and others, is needed in order to ensure a strong and principled approach to human rights.

Lukas Parizek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and Special Representative for the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship, ODIHR Director Ingibjorg Gisladottir, and Ambassador Bruce G. Berton, Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, also addressed the meeting. Participants stressed that in a complex security environment dominated by transnational challenges that no one country can face alone, multilateral co-operation is needed more than ever.

The OSCE's multilateral approach to comprehensive security plays a key role in bringing States to the table to resolve issues, they said.

## New OSCE PA videos

The PA has published many new videos in recent weeks, including highlights from the Annual Session, as well as a brief documentary on OSCE PA election observation and an updated version of our "About the OSCE PA" video.

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## Special Representative Nothelle presents Annual Session outcomes to OSCE ambassadors

Following an invitation by the OSCE Slovak Chairmanship, the OSCE PA Special Representative in Vienna, Amb. Andreas Nothelle, on Wednesday briefed the permanent missions to the OSCE on the outcome of the Luxembourg Annual Session. Nothelle presented the substance of the Declaration and the resolutions adopted. He also shared the results of the elections that took place in Luxembourg, including the re-elections of PA President Tsereteli and Secretary General Montella.

The meeting offered the possibility for the diplomatic missions to receive information on recent PA activities and to interact by asking questions and commenting on the documents adopted by the PA, as well as for the OSCE's governmental side to integrate the results of the Annual Session in the work of the OSCE in the preparations for the Bratislava Ministerial Council.

The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session touching on many issues covered in the Luxembourg Declaration and general discussion of the Annual Session.



Andreas Nothelle presented the outcomes of the OSCE PA's Annual Session at a meeting in Vienna on 17 July 2019.

## President Emeritus Kanerva stresses need for dialogue at Moscow forum

OSCE PA President Emeritus and Special Representative on Mediation Ilkka Kanerva attended in Moscow the second International Forum "Development of Parliamentarism." Highlighting the OSCE's security concept at the forum, he addressed pressing issues in international relations as well as key challenges facing European security.

Kanerva appealed to the participants to uphold dialogue in order to reach solutions on the issues shadowing European and wider international relations. He stressed that these topics are a key element of parliamentary diplomacy and that parliaments have a role to play in solving common problems, to appeal to national governments and take responsibility.

"Information war can range from pushing fake news stories and conspiracy theories to fanning the flames of existing problems — all serving to undermine public confidence in governments and institutions. The best way to respond is less by correcting the information, and more about having your own positive narrative and sticking to it," President Emeritus Kanerva said.

At the International Forum, held 30 June to 3 July, Kanerva attended a round table discussion on information influencing and fake news. The forum was assembled on the initiative of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and included over 900 participants from 130 countries.