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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Standing Committee approves 25 Supplementary Items for consideration**

BELGRADE, 6 July 2011—The Standing Committee of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly voted today to approve the following 25 resolutions for consideration in the three general committees.

Four resolutions dealing with human rights in Belarus, human trafficking, organized crime, and women’s representation at the Assembly were assigned to be debated Saturday in the plenary.

The Standing Committee is comprised of the Assembly’s elected leadership and Heads of Delegation from all participating States present at the Belgrade Annual Session.

All resolutions can be found online at [www.oscepa.org](http://www.oscepa.org). Committee work begins 7 July. Resolutions will be considered for inclusion in the Assembly’s Belgrade Declaration, which helps set OSCE policy and shape domestic legislation.

The Belgrade Annual Session, including committee debates and votes, are open to the press and public. The session runs 6-10 July 2011. For more information on the Annual Session, click [here](http://www.oscepa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1006:twentieth-annual-session-belgrade-2011&catid=36:annual-sessions&Itemid=64).

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Committee assignment code:

1st Comm. = General Committee on Political Affairs and Security

2nd Comm. = General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

3rd Comm. = General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions

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| **No.** | **Title** | **Sponsor, *Country*** | **Committee Assigned** |
| 1 | COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION THAT LEAD TO TERRORISM | Mr. Çörüz, *The Netherlands* | 1st Comm |
| 2 | MEDITERRANEAN POLITICAL TRANSITION | Mr. Cardin, *USA* | 1st Comm |
| 3 | STRENGTHENING EFFORTS TO COMBAT RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND FOSTER INCLUSION | Ms. Ferrier, *The Netherlands* | 3rd Comm |
| 4 | OVERALL APPROACH BY THE OSCE TO PROMOTE CYBERSECURITY | Mr. De Donnea, *Belgium* | 2nd Comm |
| 5 | COMBAT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN HUMAN ORGANS | Ms. Grubjesic, *Serbia* | 3rd Comm |
| 6 | THE CO-ORDINATION OF MIGRATION POLICY IN THE OSCE | Ms. Ferrier, *The Netherlands* | 2nd Comm |
| 7 | UTILIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AS A TOOL AGAINST MALNUTRITION, HUNGER AND UNCONTROLLED MIGRATION | Mr. Harutyunyan, *Armenia* | 2nd Comm |
| 8 | BELARUS | Ms. Zapf, *Germany* | Plenary |
| 9 | MOLDOVA | Ms. Habsburg Douglas, *Sweden* | 1st Comm |
| 10 | WOMEN’S REPRESENTATION AT THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY | Mr. Guillot, *Spain* | Plenary |
| 11 | INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTIONS | Mr. Smith, *U.S.A.* | 3rd Comm |
| 12 | COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME | Mr. Migliori, *Italy* | Plenary |
| 13 | COMBATING LABOR TRAFFICKING IN SUPPLY CHAINS | Mr. Smith, *U.S.A.* | 2nd Comm |
| 14 | NATIONAL MINORITIES | Mr. Migliori, *Italy* | 1st Comm |
| 15 | COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN THE OSCE AREA | Ms. Habsburg Douglas, *Sweden* | 3rd Comm |
| 16 | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS | Mr. Guminsky, *Belarus* | Plenary |
| 17 | *Asbestos contamination resolution not assigned for consideration* |  |  |
| 18 | ENLARGING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NON MEMBER MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO INCLUDE THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND LEBANON | Ms. Arena, *Belgium* | 1st Comm |
| 19 | PROMOTING POLICIES IN FAVOUR OF THE ROMA POPULATION | Ms. Lopez, *Spain* | 3rd Comm |
| 20 | PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY POLICIES AMONG ROMA WOMEN AND MEN | Ms. Lopez, *Spain* | 3rd Comm |
| 21 | FREE MOVEMENT OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE | Mr. Juri, *Slovenia* | 2nd Comm |
| 22 | THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OSCE | Ms. Faessler-Osterwalder, *Switzerland* | 3rd Comm |
| 23 | WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAMMES – A CHALLENGE TO JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION | Mr. Gardetto, *Monaco* | 3rd Comm |
| 24 | COMBATING CRIMES CAUSING SERIOUS SOCIAL ALARM | Mr. D’Amico, *Italy* | 3rd Comm |
| 25 | GENDER, MIGRATION & ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE | Ms. Fry, *Canada* | 2nd Comm |
| 26 | NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION | Ms. Aleknaite Abramikiene, *Lithuania* | 2nd Comm |

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