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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY
ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE 20TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY SIGNED**

Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia (NARS), prof. dr. Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Petros Eftyhmiou, signed on 10 March 2011 in the Home of the NARS, the Agreement concerning the 20th Annual Session of the OSCE PA to be held in Belgrade in July, which, according to the Speaker of NARS, marked the beginning of “the most important parliamentary and political event in 2011”.

"Being honoured to host this gathering in Belgrade, Serbia wishes to reaffirm its commitment to principles shared by other OSCE member states, such as the democratic development, respect for human and minority rights, rule of law and prevention of conflicts on the OSCE territory", said Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic after signing the Agreement.

Eftyhmiou has pointed out that the Annual OSCE PA meeting in Belgrade is the result of “Serbia’s endeavour” to strengthen democratic institutions and expressed his conviction that the meeting in Belgrade would be a successful one, not only as regards the number of participants, but the work quality as well.

At the meeting held before signing the agreement, Djukic-Dejanovic and Eftyhmiou talked about substantial and technical details regarding the 20th Annual Session of PA OSCE, to be held between 6 and 10 July 2011 in Belgrade (the Sava Centre). For organizational purposes, an Organizational Committee had been established and final Agenda of the Session will be drafted in April at the meeting of the Bureau in Copenhagen, said the Speaker of the NARS, adding that 20 countries have confirmed their participation so far.

President Eftyhmiou explained that the subject of the Session would be three-pronged. The topics will focus on political, military and security issues, economic issues, energy security and human rights and rule of law. „Strengthening the OSCE’s Effectiveness and Efficiency will be considered as

well“, Eftyhmiou pointed out, adding to expect successful work during this session.

Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia (NARS), Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic has asked OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Petros Eftyhmiou today to put the report on trafficking in people on the Agenda of the PA OSCE session in July, in Belgrade.

