

## RESOLUTION ON

### UNRESTRICTED ACCESS OF MEMBERS OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY ATTENDING OFFICIAL OSCE EVENTS AND OTHER PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

1. Bearing in mind the declaration on principles guiding relations between participating States in the Helsinki Final Act,
  - a. with the commitment to peace, security, and justice, and the continuing development of friendly relations and co-operation,
  - b. and the confirmation that governments, institutions, organizations, and persons have a relevant and positive role to play in contributing towards the promotion of mutual understanding and confidence,
2. Noting the Charter of Paris, which recognizes the important role parliamentarians can play in the OSCE process,
3. Underscoring the determination to promote the strategic goals proclaimed at the OSCE Astana Summit for the creation of a free, democratic, common, and indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community, free of dividing lines, conflicts, spheres of influence, and zones with different levels of security,
4. Considering that dialogue is the best way to overcome differences, settle disputes, and build mutual confidence among the OSCE participating States,
5. Bearing in mind that the reduction and, in the long term, the removal of barriers to the movement of persons, goods, services, and capital will contribute to building confidence among the participating States and raise the level of security in the OSCE region,
6. Noting that travel restrictions resulting from sanctions regimes for representatives of participating States impede dialogue and co-operation in the context of multilateral forums, including inter-parliamentary forums,
7. Recognizing that sanctions against parliamentarians are not an appropriate means by which to induce participating States to change their foreign and/or domestic policy, since they make dialogue, exchange, and confidence-building even more difficult in periods of tension and confrontation,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

8. Expresses concern about the current political context in Europe, which is characterized by a climate of mutual distrust and security concerns, among and within OSCE participating States;
9. Calls on the participating States to do everything possible to support and strengthen inter-parliamentary dialogue and interaction, which are especially important in times of crisis;
10. Notes that travel restrictions resulting from sanctions regimes have a negative impact on parliamentary diplomacy and contribute to the aggravation of tensions among the participating States;
11. Calls on the participating States to refrain, as a permanent confidence-building measure, from applying restrictive measures or sanctions against parliamentarians, as well as to avoid any pressure on third States to join such sanctions;
12. Requests the participating States to abide by their commitment to guarantee to all members of the Parliamentary Assembly the freedom to attend any official OSCE events and other parliamentary activities by issuing any visas or travel permits required for entry into their territories for at a minimum the duration of above-mentioned activities, unless otherwise contrary to the principles of international law.