



OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – Conflict Prevention Centre Conference

**Conference on Parliamentary Oversight of Armed Forces,
and Police and Security Forces in the OSCE Area**

Vienna, 24-25 May 2004

Day 1: Monday, 24 May

9.00 **Registration**
10.00 **Opening session**

Introductory remarks by the Co-chairmen:

Rt. Hon. Bruce George, MP, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)

Welcome addresses by:

Ambassador Ivo Petrov, Chair of the OSCE Permanent Council
Ambassador Jivan Tabibian, Chair of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation

10.45 **Plenary Session I. Principles of democratic control in the security sector**

Chair: Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Director of the CPC

Keynote presentation: **Roles and responsibilities of parliament and government to ensure
effective state military, and police and security structures–** Rt. Hon.
Bruce George, MP, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Comments and discussion.

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 **Working session 1. Implementation of international commitments for
democratic control: achievements and lacunae**

Panel discussion chaired by a representative of the PA/ Member of a Parliament
(tbc)

Panelists: **International standards and commitments in parliamentary practice –**
Mrs. Tone Tingsgaard, Member of Swedish Parliament, Vice-President of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Why is parliamentary oversight necessary in the security sector?

Mrs. Barbara Haering, Member of the Swiss Parliament, Vice-President of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Comments and discussion.

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Working session 2. International criteria, norms and standards for democratic control in the security sector

Panel discussion chaired by Mr. Roberto Battelli, Member of the Parliament of Slovenia, Head of the Slovenian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Panelists: **International organisations: criteria for democratic parliamentary oversight**
– Dr. Wim F. van Eekelen, Member of the Netherlands Senate, Vice-President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (tbc) *)

Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: reflection of changes during the nineties as background for further developments –
Mr. Alexander Lambert, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva

Presentation of the Handbook for Parliamentarians “Parliamentary Oversight of the Security Sector: Principles, Mechanisms and Practices”-
Dr. Hans Born, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

Comments and discussion.

16.30 Coffee break

16.45 Working session 2 (cont.). International criteria, norms and standards for democratic control in the security sector

Features of parliamentary oversight of various security sector structures -
Mr. Adrian Severin, Member of Romanian Parliament, President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Holding armed forces accountable: problems and limitations for national parliaments – Mr. Afif Demirkiran, Member of the Turkish Parliament, Member of the Turkish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Comments and discussion.

18.30 Reception hosted by the Director of the CPC, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier

Day 2: Tuesday, 25 May

10.00 Plenary session II. Parliamentary oversight and security sector reform

Chair: Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly (tbc)

Keynote presentation: **Security sector reform in the Euro-Atlantic Region** – Mr. David Law, Senior Fellow, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

Comments and discussion.

11.00 Coffee break

11.45 Working session 3. Challenges of changes in the security sphere

Panel discussion chaired by Mrs. Arta Dade, Member of the Albanian Parliament, Head of the Albanian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (tbc)

Panelists: **Transformation of priorities for the decision making process in the defence-related field to bring it in conformity with the comprehensive security approach (experiences at the national level)** – Two co-speakers –
Mr. Panayotis Kamenos, Member of Greek Parliament (tbc)
A Member of Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Interaction between legislative and executive powers on decisions relating to military and non-military security-sector organisations – Mr. David Greenwood, Research Director, Centre for European Security Studies

Comments and discussion.

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Implications of new threats to security for security sector reform and their reflections in national security concepts and military doctrines –
Mr. Alcee Hastings, Member of US Congress, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

The contribution of civil society and the media to decision making processes: active participation in established democracies and challenges in the transition period – Mr. Pal Dunay, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Comments and discussion.

16.30 Coffee break

16.45 Closing session

Presentation of preliminary reports by the Co-chairmen

Comments by participants

Chairmen's closing remarks

*) It is advisable that representatives from countries in transition make presentations on the indicated topics.