



EMBASSY OF GEORGIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
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Mr. Chairperson,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to join other speakers in warmly welcoming the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, H.E. Riccardo Migliori. From the outset, I would like to pay tribute to the work carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly and its dedicated staff in Copenhagen for their perseverance and efforts in facilitating inter-parliamentary dialogue across the OSCE region.

I would also like to thank the Parliamentary Assembly in general and Mr. Migliori for his personal contribution to the international efforts aimed at providing comprehensive international monitoring of Georgia's parliamentary elections.

I am pleased to note that the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in close co-operation with ODIHR contributed to further consolidation of democracy in Georgia through ensuring transparency of electoral process. A concerted common endeavor of the two institutions in Georgia underlined importance of furthering and strengthening of this cooperation in the future as well.

We see the OSCE Parliamentary assembly as an important actor in achieving solid and lasting progress in pressing issues of the OSCE agenda. The adoption of the Monaco Declaration this year, as well as the resolutions of the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly has again proved high relevance of the work carried out by the OSCE Parliamentary assembly and its valuable expertise for the OSCE institutions and executive structures.

We are also pleased to note with satisfaction the success of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Economic Conference in Batumi, Georgia, which took place

in May 2012. Parliamentarians from 34 OSCE countries, as well as representatives of the OSCE delegations and executive structures discussed fostering economic cooperation, sustainable development and stability in the OSCE region. The discussion concentrated on strengthening energy security and efficiency, creating a transparent investment environment, addressing security challenges through economic policy, expanding transportation and tourism development, and growing small- and medium-sized enterprises. The participants noted the impact of the economic crisis throughout the OSCE region and stressed the importance of OSCE participating States joint and concerted work towards common goals.

In the end, I would like to thank the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, H.E. Riccardo Migliori for his address to the PC and wish him best of luck in his future endeavors.

Thank you.