In September 2014 the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly launched its Helsinki +40 Colloquium Project with the aim of reflecting on what the OSCE has accomplished over the past 40 years since the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, and identifying where reform is urgently needed for the Organization to stay relevant and effective in the future.

After successful completion of Helsinki +40 seminars in Moscow, Washington DC, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Belgrade, the Helsinki +40 final report has been prepared for release and a final discussion of the Project conclusions will take place on the eve of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly’s Annual Session, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.
**Petri Hakkarainen** is Deputy Director for Policy Planning and Research at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Previously he has worked at the Embassy of Finland in Berlin and as Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam. He received his doctorate in modern history from the University of Oxford and is the author of “A State of Peace in Europe: West Germany and the CSCE, 1966–1975”, based on the thesis for which he received the Willy Brandt Prize in 2009. He is a member of the Carnegie Endowment’s Euro-Atlantic Security – Next Generation Initiative (EASI Next Gen).

**Minister Jaakko Iloniemi** is a former Finnish diplomat. Between 1965 and 1971 he served as Head of Department for Development Cooperation in the Finnish Foreign Service. He has also worked as Ambassador to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), as Undersecretary for Political Affairs and as the Finnish Ambassador to the US.

**Ilkka Kanerva** is President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. He also heads Finland’s Delegations to both the OSCE and NATO Parliamentary Assemblies. A former OSCE Chairperson–in–Office, Kanerva has been a member of the Finnish Parliament since 1975. He has been Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Minister of Transport, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chair of the Parliamentary Defence Committee. He is a co–leader of the OSCE PA’s Helsinki +40 project.

**Spencer Oliver** is Special Project Co–ordinator of the Helsinki +40 Project. He was chosen as the first Secretary General of the Assembly by the first Bureau meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 1992. Previously, Oliver served 22 years as a staff member in the U.S. Congress, including as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Helsinki Commission from 1976 to 1985 and as Chief Counsel of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives until 1993. He also served in several senior diplomatic positions on U.S. delegations to CSCE Review and Expert Meetings between 1977 and 1993.

**Katja Pehrman** is the Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE. She has been appointed to be the Coordinator to strive for tangible progress towards the settlement of the protracted conflicts in a peaceful and negotiated manner within the Helsinki +40 process. Ambassador Pehrman has previously served as the Chief of Cabinet and Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, she has discharged various tasks at the Political Department of the Finnish Foreign Ministry. She has also served at the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN in New York and in Vienna during Finland’s Chairmanship of the OSCE in 2008.
**Nina Suomalainen** was Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2012–2015. Previously, she worked at the UN Development Programme (UNDP) office in Latvia, as an Advisor to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, in the OSCE Field Operations Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in Warsaw. In 2005–2010 she held a position at the Finn Church Aid, which is the largest development NGO in Finland, working on development policy and advocacy.

**Teija Tiilikainen** is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). Previously, Tiilikainen was the Director of the Network of European Studies at the University of Helsinki (2003–2009). She has also served as Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. Tiilikainen was the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Finland in the Convention on the Future of Europe in 2002–2003. Tiilikainen also takes part in the OSCE Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as a Common Project.

**Ivan Vejvoda** is Senior Vice President for programs at the German Marshall Fund (GMF) of the US. From 2003 to 2010, he served as Executive Director of GMF’s Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project dedicated to strengthening democratic institutions in Southeastern Europe. Before joining GMF he served the Serbian government as Senior Advisor on foreign policy and European integration to Prime Ministers Zoran Djindjic and Zoran Zivkovic. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Fund for an Open Society. During the mid–1990s, Vejvoda held various academic posts in the US and the UK. Vejvoda was a key figure in the democratic opposition movement in Yugoslavia throughout the 1990s, and is widely published on democratic transition, totalitarianism, and post-war reconstruction in the Balkans.

**Andrei Zagorski** is Head of Department for Arms Control and Conflict Resolution at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and a member of Russian International Affairs Council. He is a leading expert in European security and Russia’s relations with NATO and organisations such as the OSCE, the EU, and the Council of Europe. He specialises in post–Soviet studies, arms control, and Russian foreign policy. Previously, he was an expert of Soviet delegations at several meetings held under the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Zagorski has been active in research, consulting, and teaching; he served as Vice–Rector for research at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.
PROGRAMME

9:00  Registration and coffee

9:30  Opening and chair
Ilkka Kanerva, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Co-Chairman of the Helsinki +40 Project

9:40  Summary of the Hki+40 project
Spencer Oliver, Special Co-ordinator of the Helsinki +40 Project

9:50  Keynote: The Political Outlook for OSCE
Jaakko Iloniemi, Minister (Hon.), Ambassador

10:35  Coffee break

10:50  Panel discussion
Chair: Teija Tiilikainen, Director, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

Each participant has a short opening address

Ambassador Katja Pehrman, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Andrei Zagorski, Head of Department for Arms Control and Conflict Resolution, Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Nina Suomalainen, former Deputy Head of Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ivan Vejvoda, Senior Vice President (Programs), German Marshall Fund of the United States

Petri Hakkarainen, Acting Director for Policy Planning and Research, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

12:15  Concluding remarks
Ilkka Kanerva, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Co-Chairman of the Helsinki +40 Project

The seminar will be held under the Chatham House Rule. English will be used as the seminar language with no interpretation provided.