

OSCE PA ELECTS EPP CANDIDATE G. LENNMARKER AS PRESIDENT

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The 15th Annual Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, taking place in Brussels, elected today as its new President, EPP candidate **G. Lennmarker**, the leading politician of the Swedish Moderaterna party.

The Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the OSCE PA and Vice President of the Assembly **Panos Kammenos**, expressed his delight with the result: *I am particularly pleased that our candidate, G. Lennmarker, was elected President of the OSCE PA. This is a great victory for the EPP since it is the first time in recent memory that we managed to elect the President of the OSCE PA,* stressed Kammenos.

Apart from the President, our Group also elected its two Vice-presidential candidates and all of its proposals for the 3 Committees of the Assembly. Clearly, our Group has become the most influential in the OSCE PA and we will make sure that the Assembly will become a pivotal component of the OSCE, Kammenos concluded.

EPP President **Wilfried Martens** also expressed his great satisfaction for the election of G. Lennmarker: *the election of G. Lennmarker as President of the OSCE PA will mark a new era for the Organization - I could not imagine anyone better suited for this post. Panos Kammenos and our Group have done excellent work in giving the EPP a strong voice in the OSCE PA,* said Martens.

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