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**Serbian MP to focus international attention on organ trafficking**

*Resolution seeks international investigation into crimes in Kosovo, Metohija*

COPENHAGEN, 29 June 2011—A resolution introduced by Serbian MP Suzana Grubjesic and now pending at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly would recommend the urgent undertaking of an international investigation into organ trafficking crimes committed in Kosovo and Metohija.

“Human trafficking alone is one of the most severe crimes against humanity, but trafficking in human organs takes this crime to an extreme form,” Grubjesic said. “This resolution should lead to closer cooperation among our countries to prosecute the thugs who profit from this horrific crime.”

As head of the Serbian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Grubjesic has organized a special event entitled "Combating Illicit Trade in Human Organs" on Saturday, 9 July at 13.30 at the Sava Centre to highlight this issue among the 250 parliamentarians in Belgrade for the Annual Session. Speakers are to include

The resolution, cosponsored by 41 parliamentarians from 17 countries, also calls for closer international cooperation to combat organized crime rings who deal in trafficking of human organs.

The resolution will be considered for inclusion in the Assembly’s Belgrade Declaration, which helps shape OSCE and national policy. Parliamentarians from more than 50 countries will vote on the resolution and declaration in Belgrade.

The Belgrade Annual Session, including committee debates and votes, are open to the press and public. The session runs 6-10 July 2011. For more information on the Annual Session, click [here](http://www.oscepa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1006:twentieth-annual-session-belgrade-2011&catid=36:annual-sessions&Itemid=64).

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