



Tweede Kamer

DER STATEN-GENERAAL

Den Haag, 26 februari 2018

Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken**
Volgcommissie(s): vaste commissie voor Defensie
delegatie naar de OVSE-Assemblee

Activiteit: **Gesprek**
Datum: woensdag 14 maart 2018
Tijd: 13.00 – 14.00 uur
Openbaar/besloten: openbaar

Onderwerp: heer Greminger, Secretaris Generaal van de OVSE

Agendapunt: **gesprek met de heer Greminger, secretaris-generaal van de OVSE (zij bijgevoegde informatie).**

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Ambassador Thomas Greminger was appointed Secretary General of the OSCE on 18 July 2017 for a three-year term.

Ambassador Greminger joined the diplomatic service of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 1990 and has held numerous senior management positions during his career. Prior to his appointment as OSCE Secretary General, he was Deputy Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, overseeing an annual budget of USD 730 million and 900 staff in Bern and abroad.

From 2010 to 2015, Greminger was the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, serving as Chair of the Permanent Council during Switzerland's 2014 OSCE Chairmanship. Prior to his assignment at the Permanent Delegation of Switzerland to the OSCE, Greminger was Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs's Human Security Division, Switzerland's competence centre for peace, human rights, and humanitarian and migration policy.

Thomas Greminger holds a PhD in history from the University of Zurich and the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (General Staff) in the Swiss Armed Forces. He has authored a number of publications on military history, conflict management, peacekeeping, development and human rights. His mother tongue is German; he speaks fluent English and French, and has a working knowledge of Portuguese. In 2012, he was awarded the OSCE white ribbon for his long-standing support for gender equality.