



ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (8 to 14 February)

OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy met EU Special Representative for Central Asia

BRUSSELS, 9 February – The Special Envoy of the Chairmanship, Senator Pierre Chevalier, met EU Special Representative for Central Asia Ján Kubiš for an exchange of views on the situation in the region.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office met ODIHR Director

BRUSSELS, 10 February - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Karel De Gucht met the Director of the Office for Democratic institutions and Human rights (ODIHR), Ambassador C. Strohal.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office welcomes election of Kosovo President

BRUSSELS, 10 February - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office welcomes the election of Fatmir Sejdiu as the new president of Kosovo.

In a press statement, he said he was delighted that the succession of late President Rugova could take place quickly and in accordance with the constitutional framework of Kosovo. The OSCE Chairmanship hopes that the start of negotiations on the future status of Kosovo can begin on 20 February 2006 in Vienna and that Belgrade and Pristina will co-operate constructively in this process

OSCE Chairman-in-Office met with Co-Chairs of The Minsk Group

BRUSSELS, 13 February - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office met with the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group for an exchange of views on the latest developments concerning Nagorno-Karabakh, in particular the Rambouillet meeting between the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan. After his meeting with the Co-Chairs, the Chairman-in-Office addressed the Minsk Group.

At the initiative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, OSCE will discuss concerns raised by recent cartoon controversy and steps to ease discord

VIENNA, 13 February - At the initiative of Karel De Gucht, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, a special informal meeting will be held on Thursday 16 February to discuss possible short- and long-term steps within the OSCE to address the issues raised by the recent publication of controversial cartoons in the media of several participating States.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OSCE Chairman-in-Office to visit Podgorica, Pristina and Belgrade

BELGRADE, 15 February - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, began a three-day visit to Podgorica, Pristina and Belgrade.

OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy to visit Georgia

TBILISSI, 15-16 February - The Special Envoy of the Chairmanship, Senator Pierre Chevalier, travelled to Tbilisi for meetings with President Mikheil Saakashvili, Prime Minister Zurab Nougaideli and the State Minister on conflict resolution issues, George Khaindrava, to promote peaceful resolution of the Georgian-Ossetian and Georgian-Abkhaz conflicts.