Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office

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- 20 January: Chairmanship Conference on "Three Dimensions of Information and Telecommunication Technology" in Berlin
- **18 January**: CiO participated in EU Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

In addition to current developments in the Republic of Moldova and in Ukraine, the lifting of the sanctions against Iran and, in particular, the next steps in the Syria crisis were on the agenda.

• In press releases, the CiO condemned the latest nuclear test in the DPRK (6.1.) and the terror attacks in Istanbul (13.1.). On 15.1. he welcomed in a joint statement with the Secretary General the presentation by the UN Secretary General of the UN Plan for Action to Prevent Violent Extremism.