

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (8 to 15 March)

OSCE Chairman-in-Office calls for "positive spirit" to solve problems over Transdnestrian section of Moldova-Ukraine border

BRUSSELS, 8 March 2006 - Concerned about current problems along the Transdnestrian section of the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, has appealed to all parties to work in a positive spirit towards a solution.

OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy visited Russia and Georgia

MOSCOW-TBILISSI, 8 to 12 March 2006 - The Special Envoy of the Chairmanship, Senator Pierre Chevalier, met Russian and Georgian authorities for an exchange of views on the situation in the region. He also had a meeting with the South-Ossetian leader Kokoity.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office regrets death of Milosevic could mean no closure for victims

SALZBURG, 11 March 2006 – In a press statement, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, regretted that the death of the former Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, would likely mean that his trial for crimes against humanity and other offences before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague will not be brought to a conclusion.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office met Personal Representative on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference

BRUSSELS, 13 March – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, met the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, for an exchange of views on the prospects for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office met Belgian NGO representatives

BRUSSELS, 13 March – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, met several representatives of Belgian NGOs active in the area of the human dimension.