



ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (16 to 22 March)

OSCE Chairman-in-Office deploras atmosphere of growing intimidation in the run-up to the elections in Belarus

BRUSSELS, 17 March 2006 - Increasingly concerned about the situation in the run-up to Presidential election in Belarus, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, condemned the harassment and arrests of opposition candidates and their supporters as well as other forms of intimidation by the Belarus authorities.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OSCE Chairman-in-Office to visit Central Asia

26 March –1 April - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, will visit Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.