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**REVIEW OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE THREE PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE TO THE OVERALL
EFFORT OF THE OSCE TO COMBAT INTOLERANCE AND
DISCRIMINATION**

I.INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to **provide Participating States with a review**, from the point of view of the Spanish Chairman-in-Office, **of the contribution made by the Three Personal Representatives to the OSCE's overall effort to combat intolerance and Discrimination.**

The Chairmanship undertakes this tasking in order to respond to the request contained in the **Preamble of the MC on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding (MC.Dec.13/06)**, which states as follows:

“Recognizing the work of the three Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office in support of the overall effort of the OSCE to combat intolerance and discrimination and wishing a review of their contribution to this overall effort by the Chairman-in-Office, in consultation with the participating States, during the course of 2007”

This Review does not intend to conclude with the proposal of a clear-cut solution, as the future of this structure will ultimately depend on a political decision adopted by the PS, but rather to explain which have been the work undertaken by the Three Personal Representatives and to submit to the consideration of incoming Chairmanships recommendations of what could be done in the future with the structure in question. The conclusions conveyed in these Review are drawn out of the careful analysis of the current structure, as well as the various informal consultations followed so far by the Spanish Chairmanship with participating States and the exchanges of views which have followed the presentation of the Food-for-Thought Paper on the Review (CIO.GAL/187/07) at the Human Dimension Committee on 18th December, partly devoted to this issue. Following the discussions at the Human Dimension Committee, the mentioned Food-for-Thought Paper was reviewed and distributed under reference CIO.GAL/187/07/Rev.1 for further consultation at Prepcom on 20th December 2007. The current CiO Review of the contribution of the Three Personal Representatives to the overall effort of the OSCE to combat intolerance and discrimination is, therefore, the result of this last stage of consultation on the issue in question.

The fact is that, whatever their causes, manifestations of intolerance entail fractures within societies, therefore putting in jeopardy their inclusiveness, cohesiveness and their capacity to develop in a stronger and healthier manner. Faced with such risks, the OSCE cannot possibly let its guard down, but, on the contrary, redouble the required efforts to counter them.

The OSCE actually represents a region made up of people of many origins, religions and beliefs, as well as cultures. In this context, the model of pluralism represents a desirable reference for each and every participating State.

And yet it has to be acknowledged that pluralism is not something that we can take for granted. Instead, it represents a continuous process that requires constant efforts and work. The Spanish Chairmanship believes that very recently, the Bucharest and Cordoba conferences in 2007 have been good occasions for exposing challenges still pendant and fruitful exchanges of views in this realm.

II. ORIGINS OF THE STRUCTURE AND MANDATE OF THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES

During the course of 2002 an increasing sentiment of the need of the OSCE to further focus in anti-Semitism grew among participating States. While the majority of the PS supported the idea, **there was also some concern, particularly among the EU, that this targeted approach could lead to establishing an objectionable hierarchy** among the different forms of discrimination. The year 2002 concluded with the adoption at the **Porto Ministerial Council of a Decision on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination (MC.(10).DEC/6)**, which *“urges the convening of separately designed human dimension events on issues addressed in this decision, including on the topics of anti-Semitism, discrimination and racism and xenophobia.”*

In order to implement this decision the Netherlands, Chairman-in-Office (CiO) in 2003, organised two meetings in Vienna, one devoted to combating anti-Semitism, the other to combating racism, discrimination and xenophobia in general. They were in 2004 followed by other meetings, one on anti-Semitism in Berlin at the invitation of Germany, the other on racism, xenophobia and discrimination at the invitation of Belgium in Brussels and other in Paris on the relationship between racist, xenophobic and anti-Semitic propaganda on the Internet and hate crime.

In the course of 2004 the feeling grew that a continuing series of meetings would not be sufficient to deal with the issue and that a more permanent structure was needed.

While the ODIHR was, since 2003 charged with data collection on incidents taking place in this field, **a more visible format at the political level, that would emphasize OSCE’s active role in this field, was deemed useful and therefore proposed by few participating States.** It was precisely because of its political visibility and flexibility that the form of a Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office was chosen. After a lengthy debate on whether there should be a single representative or three, the later option was favoured.

Finally, at the end of 2004, in Sofia Ministerial Council, the structure was established through CIO.GAL/122/04/Corr.1, as of 13 December 2004 . On this basis, in 2005 the Slovenian Chairman-in-Office appointed for the first time, following consultations with participating States, three Personal Representatives through letters of

appointment which set their mandates. These mandates were subsequently **extended in January 2006 by the Belgian Chairman-in-Office**. In January 2007, the **Spanish Chairmanship** (see CIO.GAL/1/07 of 8th January 2007) renewed these appointments.

The **mandate as stated in CIO.GAL/122/04/Corr.1** for prof. Anastasia Crickley, prof. Gert Weisskirschen and Amb. Omür Orhün was the following:

- Promote **better coordination of participating States'** efforts aimed at the effective implementation of relevant Ministerial and Permanent Council Decisions in the respective fields of competence.
- **Cooperate and coordinate with the other Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office**, in the implementation of their respective mandates, and while maintaining their distinct focus and avoiding duplication, ensure that their activities are complementary.
- **Cooperate and coordinate with the Parliamentary Assembly, in particular with the Assembly's 3rd Committee**, as Parliaments will have a decisive role in creating public awareness, supervising governmental activities, and establishing the necessary legal environment.
- **Cooperate and coordinate with the ODIHR**, as their activities will reinforce those of the Office.
- **Cooperate and coordinate, as appropriate, with other OSCE Institutions**, including the **Representative of the Freedom of the Media**, the **High Commissioner on National Minorities**, with the **OSCE Secretariat** as well as with **relevant international organizations and NGOs** in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
- **Consult with the Chairmanship-in-Office in advance on all planned activities and regularly report to the Chairmanship-in-Office and the Permanent Council**. In assisting the Chairmanship-in-Office, cooperate with all participating States in an impartial manner. The Three Personal Representatives shall discharge their functions and regulate their conduct with the interest of the OSCE only in mind and shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any Government or participating State or from any authority external to the OSCE.
- For the purposes of accountability and transparency, OSCE administrative policies and procedures are to be applied for the administrative arrangements.

III. SCOPE OF THE MANDATE OF THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES:

The Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office were created, first, and then successively re- appointed, because of the recognition that the combat against racism,

xenophobia and discrimination has to be actively promoted and enhanced in the OSCE region. For this purpose, a political structure endowed with an adequate degree of visibility and flexibility in terms of mobility was needed. **The mandate of the three Personal Representatives above all aims thus at implementing the commitments enshrined in various OSCE Decisions. Declarations made at the OSCE-Conferences on tolerance and non discrimination -Vienna, Berlin, Paris, Brussels, Cordoba in 2005, Bucharest in 2007, as well as the Chairmanship Conference held in Cordoba in 2007-, also serve as guidelines for the work of the Three Personal Representatives.**

Paraphrasing Professor Weisskirchen, the Personal Representatives have thus three tasks, and their role encompasses three areas:

Tasks

1. They have to coordinate as much as possible their practical work both with the Chairman-in-Office and with one another and wherever possible work in the field at the same time;
2. They have to interact with OSCE's decision-making bodies, subsidiary bodies and OSCE Institutions – in addition to the Permanent Council primarily the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) – in order to achieve their common goals;
3. They are best able to represent the values to which the OSCE is committed by standing up visibly for tolerance, mutual respect and understanding.

Prime areas of action

1. They assist participating States in their efforts to implement the decisions taken by them, as well as the recommendations conveyed at the abovementioned OSCE Conferences;
2. They draw attention to both progress and setbacks in the said implementation process;
3. They encourage efforts by civil society groups and promote national and transnational cooperation between civil society, parliamentary and governmental actors.

It is important to underline that the Three Personal Representatives' mandate does not, however, establish specific activities that they should carry out in order to achieve their main goal of coordinating PS's efforts. Partly as a result, each one of them has established the scope of their activities to their best criteria.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The OSCE structure represented by the Three Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office on combating intolerance and discrimination, has effectively raised awareness of tolerance-related issues at the political level in the OSCE

region. This structure has contributed to bringing tolerance issues to the forefront in the Human Dimension and other realms such as combating terrorism, and has further strengthened the overarching comprehensive concept of security within the region.

In this respect, **their knowledge and insight**, as well as their highly professional skills regarding the fight against anti-Semitism, discrimination against Muslims and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions and beliefs **have been put into practice** in the numerous conferences and seminars where they have played the role of key note speakers and moderators, as well as through the large number of country visits that they have paid throughout the OSCE area (see Anex).

As it has been apparent from discussions in all these fora, as well as from their reports and statements, **manifestations of anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination** against members of Muslim and Christians communities and other religious groups **are on the increase in our region.**

In this context of continued concern over the various manifestations of intolerance and discrimination, **the complementary role of the ODIHR is also of utmost importance.** Indeed, the ODIHR's Programme of Tolerance and Non Discrimination does a crucial work in this field, namely through cross-cutting areas such as legislation, data collection and monitoring, law enforcement, education, the media, and civil society participation, including the youth.

Nevertheless, some participating States have been voicing their dissenting views on the issue of the structure represented by the Three Personal Representatives in its current format on the basis that this, being initially conceived with a provisional character, could be reformulated for the sake of better coherence and effectiveness. In this regard, they support the view that the current structure be either represented by a single Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, therefore incorporating in his/her mandate those pertaining to the current Three Personal Representatives, or mainstreaming the work developed by the latter into the Programme on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination of the ODIHR. In fact, as it has been already underlined, this unit responds to tasks which have been assigned in the field of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, as well as to manifestations of intolerance and discrimination. It has also been underlined by some participating States their disagreement with points number 2 and 3 of the recommendations to improve the existing structure (page 7 of this Review document).

Whatever the different views of participating States may be, the fact is that there is common ground among these in pointing out that the existing coordination between the structure represented by the Three Personal Representatives of the CiO and the ODIHR should, in this respect, be strengthened, thus at this stage further complementing each other for the sake of better reinforcing the common goal of countering intolerance and discrimination and promoting mutual respect and understanding in the OSCE region.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has on its turn encouraged on numerous occasions the Three Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-Office overall work to promote greater tolerance and to combat racism, xenophobia, and discrimination throughout the OSCE region and invited them to address the Assembly's Winter Meetings and Annual Sessions to enrich with their experience the debates at this fora.

It is the **perception of the Spanish Chairmanship** that the contribution made so far by the Three Personal representatives in support of the OSCE to combat discrimination and promote tolerance, mutual respect and understanding actually lead to the following **conclusions**:

- **A wide array of activities have been developed by the Three Personal representatives to contribute to countering intolerance and discrimination in the OSCE region.**
- **There is a rising demand for promoting the implementation of OSCE commitments in four priority areas pertaining to the Three Personal representatives mandates:** combating anti-Semitism, intolerance and discrimination against Muslims, discrimination against Christians and members of other religions and racism and xenophobia.
- **As shown by the activities carried out by the Three Personal representatives of the CiO links to fight against intolerance and discrimination have been reinforced with the civil society as well as with Participating States and with the ODIHR itself.**

All this testifies in favour of continuing to consider the structure as a useful tool to accomplish the goal of fighting intolerance at both the political and grassroots level in participating States.

Mention should be made that **no other international organization has a similar structure to address the specific forms of intolerance for which our Three Personal Representatives are mandated** to pursue. From this perspective, their efforts, be them individually or collectively are illustrative of the added value that they provide to the Organization as a whole.

In a globalized world where threats are inter-connected, no single manifestation of intolerance can be ignored since it may bear the potential escalation far beyond the boundaries of a country. No security agenda can be successful if it does not tackle manifestations of intolerance even at a low-level. Unless tackled, social tensions stemming from phenomena of intolerance and discrimination may give rise to grave long-term consequences for the stability of communities and States.

Therefore, the continued contribution of the Three personal Representatives of the CiO on Combating intolerance and discrimination should be considered as a solid complement to OSCE's core early warning and conflict prevention mandate.

In this regard, it remains work in progress to strengthen their resources and effectiveness so as to preserve this high level and honorary structure to continue fulfilling their important task with even more dedication and effectiveness.

For the reasons stated, the Spanish Chairmanship fully supports the known intention of the OSCE incoming Chairmanship to renew the mandates of the Personal representatives of the CiO and wishes the latter continued success on the activities and timely targeted initiatives that they may plan for the future.

Nevertheless, based on the Spanish Chairmanship's experience and consultations with participating States and taking into account the suggestions made by the Three Personal Representatives of the CiO themselves, the following recommendations are thus submitted to the consideration of incoming Chairmanships in order to improve the existing structure:

1. **The mandate of the three Personal Representatives should be devised in more detailed terms in order to make their tasks clearer.. The Personal Representatives need to be able to work with adequate flexibility to take initiatives in a timely manner in consultation with the Chairmanship.** Coordination should advance not hinder action. It is important for the Personal Representatives to coordinate as appropriate to avoid duplication and learn from the activities of one another. **The Three Personal representatives should make every effort in order to strengthen the coordination of their work, specially with the Chairmanship-in-Office and among themselves.**
2. **Given the moral authority that the Three Representatives actually have, their political profile should be further enhanced in the future.**
3. **The Personal Representatives should be provided with further instruments and means if they are to be able to do justice to these extended and more detailed functions. At the moment there is a considerable gap between what is actually required from them and what they have at their disposal in reality. This gap needs to be bridged. That would entail fundamentally providing the Three Representatives with administrative support, and turning the honorary part-time character of their functions into a specialized full-time one.**
4. **More support from the OSCE participating States is needed, for instance, through invitations to the Three Personal Representatives to make country visits.**
5. **Contacts and meetings with NGOs and representatives of civil society in the various countries remain very important in fulfilling their respective mandates. They should therefore be enhanced.**
6. **All the previous recommendations imply that adequate financial support for the structure should be allocated. Strengthening the effectiveness of the structure will make participating States contributions higher, in order to implement these recommendations.**

ANNEX

V. OVERVIEW OF RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES OF MS. ANASTASIA CRICKLEY

IN 2005

Participation in OSCE events

- Participation in the Helsinki Seminar to mark 30 years since the Helsinki Final Act.
- Participation in the British European Conference
- Address delivered to the European Network against Racism in Brussels.

Visits and Country visits

- **April:** Visit to the Vatican, which included a comprehensive range of meetings with various Holy See representatives over a three day period.
- Visit to the UK
- Visit to the USA

IN 2006: the existing information on the activities developed by prof. Crickley in 2006 can be consulted in her second semi-annual report distributed under reference CIO.GAL/201/06, of 13th June 2006.

IN 2007

Participation in OSCE Conferences

- **January:** Preliminary visit to ODIHR in Warsaw including meeting with the Director of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti.

- **February:** Meeting convened by ODIHR with the three representatives to discuss mechanisms for cooperation and coordination which also included a briefing by Spanish representatives on preparations for the Cordoba Conference and provided an opportunity to comment on these.
- **March:** Meeting with the Chair, Secretary and members of the UN Committee on the Eradication of Racial discrimination during their session in Geneva, and informal meeting with staff of the UN Special Representative on Racism.
- **April:** Meeting with the chair in Office in Ljubljana to discuss work in progress.
- **During the first semester of the year** she also met with a number of regional groups of European Roma Rights Centres and European Network against Racism as well as national and local NGO's and Roma, Sinti and Traveller Groups.
- **May:** Participation and address to the Seminar on Effective Participation in Democratic societies (Warsaw, May 17 & 18). Participation at the Human Dimension Migration Seminar
- **June:** Participation and addresses to the OSCE High Level Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual respect and Understanding (Bucharest June 4- 8) and NGO Forum. Meetings with and visits to Romanian NGOs, including Roma NGOs. Permanent Council Meeting and associated activities, including meeting with Mediterranean partners (Vienna, June 13th-15th).
- **September:** Participation in and contribution to the HDIM and associated side events (September, 25th- 27th).

Participation in conferences and round tables

- **February:** Presentation to the Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna and bilateral meetings with a number of delegates. Introductory meetings and discussions with the Helsinki Commission, the Committee for Religious Freedom, the American Democratic League and the American Jewish Committee in Washington. Informal meetings with immigrant groups and coalitions in Boston USA.
- **May:** Participation in, mediation at and running a number of bilateral meetings during the OSCE Migration Seminar (May 11th -13th) in Warsaw. Participation in the I Warsaw NGO meeting which focussed also on Cordoba preparations. Address to Africa Day reception, Morrison Hotel, Dublin (May 25th). Participation in Irish American Famine Walk, Mayo Ireland (May 26th).
- **June:** Participation for 1 week in and moderating at the Seville NGO forum and the Cordoba conference on Anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination. Round table discussion with the Social Platform of European NGO's (Brussels, June 26th).

- **July:** Participation in and contribution to Bristol University Colloquium and Initiative on Freedom of religion and Belief (Bristol, July 5th-6th). Participation in and contribution to ODIHR's Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion and Belief development of the Toledo Principles on Teaching about Religions (Vienna, July 19th).
- **September:** Participation in the OSCE Police Expert Meeting. Bilateral meetings.
- **October:** Bilateral and small group meetings with Civil Society Organisations (Lisbon, October 1st & 2nd). Participation in the Roma Conference. Participation in and contribution to OSCE Chairmanship Conference on Discrimination against Muslims (Córdoba, October 8th-11th). Participation in and contribution to DECET Conference on Equality and Diversity-Early Childhood Education ((Brussels, October 17th & 18th). Opening panel member at the European Gay and Lesbian association Annual Conference, (Vilnius, October 25th & 26th).
- **November:** Bilateral and small group meetings with Civil Society Organisations and religious groups (Istanbul, Nov. 1st-6th). Roundtable discussion with Micklos Harristi, Advisor on Freedom of the Media OSCE on maintaining media freedom while addressing racism, discrimination and xenophobia (Dublin, Nov. 9th). Keynote address to European Integration Conference, DeMonfort University (Leicester, UK, Nov 10th & 11th). Meeting with the High Commissioner for National Minorities, (Brussels, Nov 12th).
- **December:** European Parliament Conference on Minorities (Brussels, Dec. 4th). Irish Roundtable with various stakeholders to raise awareness of OSCE (Dec. 6th). Meeting of ad-hoc group on Freedom of Religion and Belief (Berlin, Dec. 9th-11th).

ACTIVITIES OF PROF WEISSKIRCHEN

IN 2005

Meetings

- Meetings to coordinate the work between the 3 Personal Representatives of the Chairman in Office of the OSCE and ODIHR in Warsaw (February and May) and Ljubljana (April)
- Working meeting in Berlin at his own initiative with ODIHR, EUMC, ECRI, relevant ministries, relevant embassies, Center for Research on Antisemitism, several NGOs as an exchange of experiences concerning the issue of Antisemitism, March 2005
- Berlin, NGO-Forum organized by the American Jewish Committee (AJC), preparatory work in view of Cordoba, 9 May 2005.
- Warsaw Preparatory Meeting organized by the AJC in view of Cordoba, representatives from Spain, CiO, ODIHR, Personal Representatives, NGOs 10 and 11 May 2005,

- OSCE Parliamentary Assembly annual Meeting, meetings with NGOs, Senators and the State Department 7 July 2005,
- Berlin, NGO-Forum organized by the AJC, post-Cordoba evaluation 18 July 2005, Brussels
- ODIHR/Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, report on meeting with the CiO, meeting with the incoming CiO, co-ordination of the three Personal Representatives 28 to 30 September 2005, Warsaw
- Exchange of views with the chair of the Holocaust Museum on the International Tracing Service (ITS), Bad Arolsen. 25 May 2005, Washington

Addresses, participation

- Moderator at the Cordoba Conference Session 2 Education on the Holocaust and on Antisemitism
- Cordoba NGO-Forum Seville; Moderator, Session 2: Education on the Holocaust and on Antisemitism. 8 and 9 June 2005,
- Report to the Permanent Council 11 23 June 2005,
- Report to the Permanent Council 17 November 2005,

Visits

- Visit to Moscow and St. Petersburg from the 25 to 28 April. Unofficial meetings with several NGOs (Jewish Community, Rabbis, Office of Human Rights, Memorial) and Mr. Lukin (Representative on Human Rights);
- Visit to Paris following the Invitation of Ambassador Jacques Huntzinger, 29 and 30 August 2005 The aims of this visit were: To learn about the current situation and the activities and measures by the French authorities to fight anti-Semitism and to raise awareness.
- Visit to the Russian Federation 25 to 28 April 2005,
- Visit to Belgium 18 July 2005,
- Visit to France 29 and 30 August 2005

Other

- Participation in the festivities marking the liberation of the concentration camp, 27 January 2005, Auschwitz
- Participation in the March of the living, 5 May 2005, Auschwitz
- Ehrlich-Schwerin Human Rights Award, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, Abraham Foxman 6 May 2005, Warsaw
- Lecture, "Berlin and the Holocaust: Remembrance and Responsibility" 25 May 2005, Washington
- Letter to the Foreign Minister of Germany with a view to finding a consensus between the participating States on the Bad Arolsen case. October 2005 Letter to the Chairman of the German Book Trade Association, asking him to remove publishers which display antisemitic materials at the Frankfurt Book Fair from the event.

Articles

- 23 January 2005, Interview with the *Frankfurter Rundschau*
- 27 February 2005, *Die Jüdische*
- 10 March 2005, Interview, AP

- 15 October 2005, Article to EUMC's *Equal Voices*
- 15 November 2005, Beitrag zur Simon-Wiesenthal-Festschrift

IN 2006

Participation in OSCE events

11.-13.06.2006 OSCE Tolerance Implementation meeting on promoting inter-cultural, inter-religious and inter-ethnic understanding
Almaty / Kazakhstan

03.-07.07.2006 OSCE-PA Annual Session / Report of the work as Personal Representative of the Chairman of the OSCE on Combating Antisemitism
Brussels / Belgium

20.-21.11.2006 OSCE PA German Delegation: Expert level Implementation Meeting on Antisemitism in the OSCE Region Conference „Best practices on combating Antisemitism“ Berlin / Germany OSCE PA German Delegation

04.-05.12.2006 OSCE Ministerial Council
Brussels / Belgium

Country visits

10.-13.09.2006 Country Visit Canada, inclusive Round Table with Canadian and American NGOs Ottawa / Canada

25.-27.09.2006 Country Visit Ukraine, inclusive commemoration of Babij Jar and meetings with Ukrainian and different Eastern European Representatives
Kiev / Ukraine

Participation in conferences and round tables

14.07.2006 Conference about Antisemitism, organised by Gert Weisskirschen in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Mannheim / Germany

12.09.2006 Round Table with Canadian and American NGOs Ottawa / Canada
Regional Meeting with North American Representatives

26.09.2006 Round Table by the American Jewish Committee and the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress and the World Holocaust Forum, on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the German massacre at Babi Yar of Kiev Jews Kiev / Ukraine

IN 2007

Coordination Meetings

15.06.2007 Bilateral Meeting with the three Personal Representatives and Spanish Chairmanship Coordination Meeting: Three Personal Representatives, ODIHR and the Spanish Chairmanship Vienna Meeting

10.01.2007 Meeting with the Spanish OSCE Chairmanship (Ambassador López-Jorrín) and the three Personal Representatives Vienna Coordination Meeting

07.02- 08.02.2007 Coordination Meeting: Three Personal Representatives, ODIHR and the Spanish Chairmanship Warsaw Coordination Meeting

Country Visit

03.09.2007 Country Visit to Croatia. Following on from the visit, the following four actions are recommended:

1. A letter to be sent to President Mesic expressing thanks for his resolute stance in combating right-wing extremism.
2. Letter to the head of Croatian state TV asking about the current editorial position on the uncut broadcasting of the concert earlier this year. Will any future concerts be accompanied by critical commentary?
3. Letter to Zarko Puhovski to encourage him to prepare a symposium for modern historians, sociologists and political scientists from various countries to discuss the issue of "dealing with the recent past".
4. Letter to Cardinal Lehmann requesting him to speak with representatives of the Catholic Church in Croatia about Thompson's role.

Participation in OSCE conferences and meetings

05.-09.07.2007 OSCE PA Summer Meeting Kiev Summer Meeting

Bucharest Conference.

25.09.2007 ODIHR: Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) Warsaw Conference

09.-10.10.2007 OSCE Chairmanship Conference on Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims Cordoba OSCE Conference Speaker on the fifth Plenary Session: Other active responses against Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, including experiences from other communities.

29.11. - 30.11.2007 Ministerial Council Madrid Ministerial Council

Participation in conferences, round tables and meetings

27.06.2007 Meeting with Dr. Theo Zwanziger President of the DFB (Deutscher Fußball Bund - German Football Association) Topic: Antisemitism and Soccer Frankfurt Meeting.

19.07.2007 Boycott-Issue: Meeting with Government Representatives Round Table with Representatives of the Unions and NGOs in London.

13.09.2007 OSCE PA Round Table of the German Bundestag, guest speaker: Dr Kathrin Meyer Topic: "How could the German Bundestag improve the Combat against Antisemitism" Berlin Round Table

01.-02.10.2007 Meeting with the incoming Chairman-in- Office Round Table with Scandinavian and Baltic NGOs and Jewish Organisations Helsinki Meeting Round Table

29.11. - 30.11.2007 Ministerial Council Madrid Ministerial Council

ACTIVITIES OF AMBASSADOR ORHÜN

IN 2005

Meetings

- Coordination meeting in Warsaw on 10 February 2005 with the participation of the three Personal Representatives, the Chairmanship and the ODIHR staff and its Director.
- Meeting and consultations with a number of OSCE Permanent Representatives and representatives of the Chairmanship as well as the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. March 2005
- Meeting with the OSCE CiO Minister Rupel and members of the OSCE Task Force in Ljublijana on 7 April 2005.
- Coordination meeting between NGOs, OSCE Task Force, the Personal Representatives and the ODIHR, Warsaw, 10-11 May 2005.
- Visit to the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities and meeting Ambassador Rolf Ekeus and his collaborator, May 2005.
- Meeting with Ambassador Yousef Amrani, Director General for Political Affairs at the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the forthcoming Cordoba Conference, OSCE's outreach activities and other matters
- Bi-lateral consultative meetings in the margins of the HDIM with the Director of the ODIHR Ambassador Strohal, with the members of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom and with the representatives of the USA, Canada, Holland, Austria and Kazakhstan.

Addresses, participation

- Conference at the Turkish-American Association at Ankara on 16 February 2005, on Reform and Change in the Broader Middle Eastern Region, addressing the Conference together with the US, UK and Moroccan Ambassadors.
- Address to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Winter Session in Vienna on 24-25 February 2005.

- Press briefing and conference on the occasion of the release of the International Helsinki Federation's Report on "Intolerance and Discrimination Against Muslims in the EU since September 11", on 7 March 2005 in Vienna. (made a short introduction and answered questions.)
- Introductory statement at the TESEV-DIIS-HBF (Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Danish Institute of International Studies and the Heinrich Böll Foundation) Workshop on OSCE Experience in Promoting Democracy, held in Ýstanbul on 3-5 March 2005.
- Participation as panel member (including delivery of a statement) at the Conference on the Middle East and Islam organized by the I'ýk University of Ýstanbul on 16 March 2005.
- Opening remarks at the Workshop of the Turkish Women's NGO's in preparation of the Middle East Women's NGO's Symposium, Ýstanbul, 9 April 2005. Contribution to various sessions of the Islamic World Forum Meeting, Doha, Qatar, 10-12 April 2005.
- International Conference on a New Perspective for the NGOs of the Islamic World, held in Ýstanbul on 30 April-1 May 2005, whereby "The Union of NGOs of the Islamic Countries" was founded.
- Participation in ODIHR Human Dimension Seminar on Migration and Integration, Warsaw, 11-13 May 2005. (addressed Working Session IV)
- Participation at the Meeting of the Consortium on Regional Cooperation in the Middle East, held in Rabat on 4-5 June 2005.
- Participation at the NGO Forum in Sevilla, organized by Tres Culturas, delivering a statement at the opening session. 7 June 2005
- Participation at the OSCE Cordoba Conference on Intolerance and moderated Session IV, 8-9 June. On this occasion, also meeting with the Chairman of the Permanent Council and the Director of ODIHR on modalities of reporting and better coordination and meetings with the Heads of the Belgian and USA Delegations upon their requests.
- Briefing to the Advisory Council meeting of ODIHR's Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief on mandate, activities and perceptions, 10 June 2005.
- Attended to the Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which was held in Washington on 1-5 July 2005,
- Participation at the Luncheon Forum on "Legislative Responses to Anti-Semitism" which was organized by a number of NGOs. 3 July 2005
- Delivered the key note statement at the Roundtable Discussion on Reform in the Middle East, Washington 7 July 2005
- Attended to the special event in Helsinki to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, 31 July-1 August 2005
- Attended the Inter-Agency Meeting on Combating Racism, Racial Discrimination and Islamophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Paris on 1 September 2005.
- Participation in the OSCE Police Experts Meeting held in Vienna on "Improving the Effectiveness of Law Enforcement in Preventing and Combating Hate Crimes". 12-13 September 2005
- Participation in the second week of this year's Human Dimension Implementation Meeting held in Warsaw. Delivery of a key note statement at the session on 29th September

- Within the margins of the HDIM, a Roundtable of Selected Muslim Non-Governmental Organizations working in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination was jointly organized and hosted together with the ODIHR
- Participation at the meeting of the Consortium of Research Institutes held in Alexandria, Egypt on Regional Cooperation and Security in the Middle East. On 1-2 October 2005. Following this meeting, met in Cairo the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Ambassador Ashraf Rashed, and his colleagues. Also visited the Secretary General of the Arab League Mr. Amr Moussa,
- Participation in and contribution to the Symposium jointly organized by the Hacettepe University and the Center for Strategic Studies in Ankara to commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Signing of the Helsinki Final Act. 1st of November 2005

Visits

- Country visit, followed by report to Holland from 17-20 May 2005.
- Country visit to the US on 5-7 July 2005 upon an invitation extended by the US Administration. The report of the visit to the USA was subsequently circulated under reference CIO.GAL/131/05/Rev.1
- Country visit to France upon an invitation extended by the French Government on 5 September 2005
- Country visit to the UK upon an invitation by the UK Government. Between 19-21 October 2005

Articles

- On the occasion of the Cordoba Conference wrote two articles which were published in the Turkish Daily News on 4 and 5 June 2005. (Distributed as PC.DEL/512/05)
- Interview to the Voice of America broadcasted 29 and 30 June 2005.

Others

- Issued a Press Release cautioning against tendencies to identify terrorism with Islam, 12 July 2005,
- Letter on 6 October 2005 to the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the OSCE and requested information on Hungarian Government's response and comment on these incidents, as well as on a letter from the Hungarian Muslim community to the OSCE Chairmanship.
- Letter on 25 October 2005 to the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the OSCE.

IN 2006

18 May 2006: upon my remarks at the Permanent Council on expressing some concern, based on press reports, on the draft immigration law then being debated in the French Parliament, with a wish that the new legislation would not make citizenship and thus integration more difficult, the Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE forwarded to me some documentation concerning the immigration policy of the French Government, which I shared with the Chairmanship and the ODIHR.

24-26 April 2006: Country visit to Germany. The report was made available to the participating States (CIO.GAL/197/06).

Second Roundtable Meeting with Muslim NGO's on Representation of Muslims in Public Discourse, which was jointly hosted by the ODIHR and Ambassador Orhün.

29-31 May 2006: country visit to Denmark. The report of the visit was recently made available to the participating States (CiO GAL/198/06).

12-13 June 2006: OSCE Tolerance Implementation Meeting on Promoting Inter-Cultural, Inter-Religious and Inter-Ethnic Understanding, which was held in Almaty. As the Commentator/Rapporteur of the session devoted to "Strengthening the Role of the OSCE in Facilitating Inter-Cultural, Inter-Religious and Inter-Ethnic Understanding through Dialogue and Partnership", Ambassador Orhün summarized the proceedings and conclusions of the session, which were reflected in the Final Report of the Meeting.(PC.DEL/911/06). He also attended to the NGO Preparatory Meeting which was convened on 11 June 2006, as a prelude to the Tolerance Implementation Meeting.

1-2 July 2006: Istanbul Conference on "Muslims of Europe – Challenges and Opportunities", which was held on. I delivered an introductory statement at the First Breakout Session on "Identity", which was distributed with symbol number CIO.GAL/146/06.

3-6 July 2006: Annual Session of the OSCE-PA in Brussels.

13-14 July 2006: Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on "Freedom of the Media: Protection of Journalists and Access to Information" held in Vienna. Amb Orhün delivered a speech at the Second Working Session on "Freedom of Opinion and Expression: The Role of Voluntary Professional Standards in Facilitating Mutual Respect and Understanding". (PC.SHDM.GAL/6/06/Rev.1)

29-30 July: Ambassador Orhün met and consulted a number of NGO's working in the field of promoting tolerance and fighting discrimination in Istanbul on, in preparation of a conference on tolerance.

1-3 September 2006: Ambassador Orhün attended the International Conference on "Citizenship, Security and Democracy", which was convened in Istanbul by the AMSS, SETA and the OIC Youth Forum.

12 September 2006: Inter-Agency Meeting on Combating Racism and Intolerance in Vienna. The participants to this meeting were EUMC, ECRI, ODIHR, OHCHR and two of the Personal Representatives of the CiO.

During a meeting earlier in the year with the Chair of the Turkish Chapter of the Amnesty International (AI), I had suggested that the AI, as a leading international human rights organization, should also address issues related to intolerance and discrimination against Muslims. As this suggestion was received favourably, at the meeting of the European Regional Representatives of the AI that was held in Istanbul on 15 September 2006, a Panel was devoted to intolerance and discrimination against

Muslims, with special reference to EU member countries. At that session I and a representative of the OIC briefed the participants on our respective activities and considerations and answered their questions. To the best of my knowledge, this was the first occasion for the AI to address this issue. I welcome this development.

23 September 2006: in coordination with the Chairmanship, Ambassador issued a press release expressing my concern over the (then) recent remarks by Pope Benedict XVI concerning Islam, underlining that many Muslims felt offended by these remarks.

27 September 2006: country visit to Spain As a general observation, I can state that Spain can be a model for other European countries on tolerance and non-discrimination against Muslims. Spain is also unique in the sense that the Government has signed an Agreement with the Muslim community, which has also become law. The report of the visit was recently submitted to the Chairmanship.

28 September 2006. Special Permanent Council meeting that was convened in the presence of the King of Belgians, where the Chairman-in-Office delivered a comprehensive statement.

5-7 October 2006: EUROMESCO Annual Conference held in Istanbul devoted to “Paths to Democracy and Inclusion within Diversity”.

10-13 October 2006: OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) in Warsaw and took part in sessions devoted to fundamental freedoms, tolerance and non-discrimination. On 12 October 2006 he was one of the Panel Speakers at the Side-Event on “Combating Islamophobia: Experiences of the EU and its Member States”, co-hosted by the Finnish EU Presidency and the EUMC.

25 October 2006: Inter-Governmental Advisory Board Meeting of the International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), which strives, among others, to mediate between cultures by generating dialogue. The meeting was conducted in Budapest.

30 October – 1 November 2006: he participated in the Wilton Park Conference on “Engaging with Muslim Youth in Europe and North America”.

12-13 November 2006: meeting of the Alliance of Civilizations in Istanbul on, where the Report of the Alliance of Civilizations High Level Group was presented to the Secretary General of the UN by the Prime Ministers of Spain and Turkey;

16-17 November 2006: ECRI Expert Seminar on Combating Racism while Respecting Freedom of Expression, that will be held in Strasbourg

5-6 December 2006: OSCE Ministerial Council in Brussels.

IN 2007

11 January 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the inaugural Permanent Council under the Spanish Chairmanship On 10 January the representatives of the Chairmanship, officials of the ODIHR and the three Personal Representatives met for a coordination

and consultation meeting, which constituted a welcome follow-up to the previous meeting in the margins of the Brussels Ministerial Council.

11 January 2007 Ambassador Orhün attended a meeting that the Spanish Foreign Minister conducted with a group of civil society representatives, where Minister Moratinos underlined his determination to promote diversity and participation in pluralistic societies.

15 January 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended a Conference on “Discrimination and Intolerance against Muslims” to the members of DMEDD, a women’s NGO, and the text of my statement was circulated as per CIO.GAL/15/07

17 January 2007 : Meeting at the UNESCO Headquarters on the topic of “A New Dimension in the Struggle against Racism and Discrimination: The Rise of Islamophobia”. Representatives of UNESCO, OIC and ODIHR, as well as the UN Special Rapporteur Mr. Doudou Diène, the Director of EUMC Ms. Beate Winkler and the Permanent Representative of Turkey to UNESCO Ambassador Ali Tuygan addressed this meeting, which was a first of its kind. Ambassador Orhün took part in the Panel discussion and delivered a speech on “Islamophobia: A New Stake in the Fight against Discrimination, Intolerance and Racism”. The text of my speech was circulated as per CIO.GAL/14/07.

25-28 January 2007: Ambassador Orhün took part in the “Middle East/Democratic Culture Conference”, which was jointly organized in Athens by the University of California and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece. He was one of the panelists at a special session on democratic culture.

29 January-2 February 2007: Working Group of Experts Dealing with Measures to Combat Racial Profiling, including Preventive Positive Measures, of the UN Human Rights Council, held in Geneva. The text of Ambassador Orhün’s intervention on measures to combat profiling, positive measures in this respect, Islamophobia and promoting tolerance was distributed both at the UN and in the OSCE. (CIO.GAL/16/07).

2 February 2007 Ambassador Orhün attended the informal consultative meeting called for by the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Istanbul. Leading experts from OIC member states, representatives of relevant international organizations and Muslim civil society organizations based in the West took part in this brainstorming meeting..

7- 8 February 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended an extended and well structured coordination meeting in Warsaw hosted by the ODIHR. The Director and members of the Tolerance Department of the ODIHR, representatives of other units of the ODIHR, representatives of the Chairmanship and two Personal Representatives took part in this meeting.

22 February 2007, Ambassador Orhün attended a Roundtable Meeting of Muslim NGOs in Istanbul, and briefed them on his activities and priorities. The following day, Ambassador Orhün met a number of NGO representatives bilaterally and informed them of OSCE’s tolerance related future activities and intentions.

4-7 March 2007: Ambassador Orhün visited Ireland, in order to attend the Roundtable Discussion on Issues Facing British and Irish Muslims, organized by the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism of Ireland, in cooperation with the British Council. His “Closing Reflections from a European Perspective” were made available to participating States through CIO.GAL/36/0. Ambassador Orhün conducted a useful and informative meeting with the Director of the Human Rights Department and the Head of the OSCE Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ireland. Furthermore, together with Ms. Anastasia Crickley, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, visited the Secretary General of the Prime Ministry,.

15 March 2007: Conference on Antisemitism and Islamophobia organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in collaboration with DITIB and Prof. Gert Weisskirschen, at Mannheim/Germany on. The text of Ambassador Orhün’s presentation titled “Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims”, together with its German translation was distributed as per CIO.GAL/ 42/07

29-30 March 2007: Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Freedom of Assembly, Association and Expression held in Vienna.

6 April 2007: Ambassador Orhün’s gave an informal lecture to the members of the Association of Muslim Volunteer Organizations in Istanbul.

26-28 April 2007: Conference on “The Role of the Media in the Development of Tolerance and Mutual Understanding”, organized by the Government of Azerbaijan, the current Chair of the OIC, in collaboration with the OIC Secretariat,. Former President of Romania Dr. Iliescu and the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Dr. Altwajri were the Co-chairs of the Conference, at which the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan and the Secretary General of OIC delivered key-note speeches.

10 May 2007: Ambassador Orhün provided background information concerning his mandate, activities and considerations to Ms. Zeyno Baran of the Hudson Institute, who is preparing a study on the situation and problems of Muslims in Western Europe and Northern America.

16-18 May 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the ODIHR Human Dimension Seminar on Effective Participation and Representation in Democratic Societies, which was held in Warsaw. He made some brief remarks at the Opening Plenary.

End of May 2007: Ambassador Orhün was asked by a journalist from *SonntagsZeitung* to the OSCE on the Swiss initiative aiming at forbidding to build minarets in Switzerland and about the vote if that prohibition shall be written into the Swiss constitution. He duly forwarded a response on behalf of the CiO, after explaining my mandate and the background connected to my request to conduct a country visit to Switzerland.

12 April 2007: COJEP International-organized International Colloquium on “Incitement to Racial and Religious Hatred: Islamophobia and the Media”, at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. Ambassador Orhün’s remarks on “Media Discourse and Representation of Muslims” were distributed in the OSCE as per CIO.GAL/56/07

7-8 June 2007: OSCE Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Tolerance, to be held in Bucharest. Ambassador Orhün moderated the Second Session of the Conference devoted to “Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims” and also moderated the relevant Working Group of the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting.

14 June 2007: Ambassador Orhün presented his First Semi-Annual Report to the Permanent Council. (CIO.GAL/87/07) Additionally, three Personal Representatives briefed the representatives of the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation and responded to their questions and comments. Taking the opportunity of our being in Vienna, the Chairmanship organized two coordination meetings, the first between the three Personal Representatives and the representatives of the ODIHR and the Chairmanship, and the second between the three Personal Representatives and the Chairman of the Permanent Council.

22-24 June 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the Council of Europe (CoE) Colloquy held in Lisbon on “Promoting Inter-Cultural Dialogue: Issues and Perspectives of the Council of Europe” that was organized within the context of the preparation of CoE’s White Book on Inter-Cultural Dialogue. The statement delivered by him at the colloquy was distributed as per CIO.GAL/100/07.

29 June 2007: Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Advisory Council of the International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT) in Budapest. Ambassador Orhün briefed the participants of his activities and concerns.

3 July 2007: Ambassador Orhün took part at the Colloquium organized by COJEP International within the premises of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on “Incitement to Racial and Religious Hatred – Islamophobia – Political Discourse” and delivered a statement, which was made available in the OSCE as per CIO.GAL/107/07.

17-18 July 2007: Ambassador Orhün had separate meetings in Istanbul with representatives of civil society organizations working in the field of combating discrimination. Subsequently I met representatives of Muslim organizations based in Lyon on 24-27 July 2007.

Mid-August 2007: Ambassador Orhün gave an exclusive interview concerning anti-Muslim rhetoric, restrictions in immigration legislation and related subjects to the Turkish Daily News daily, which was published on 16 and 17 August 2007. On the other hand, he responded to a question posed by the European edition of Hurriyet newspaper about developments in Germany and some other European countries, which was published on 15 August 2007. The texts of these news items are annexed to this report.

7-8 September 2007: Ambassador Orhün was present at the East-West Encounter Meeting in Istanbul.

18-22 September 2007: Ambassador Orhün travelled to the USA to attend the Roundtable jointly organized by the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Georgetown University on “Islamophobia and the Challenge of Pluralism in the 21st Century”. Taking advantage of my presence in Washington, he met officials of the State Department and exchanged views with them on matters within the scope of my mandate.

End September 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the first part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) devoted to the examination of the specifically selected topic of “Combating Intolerance and Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding – Implementation of Commitments”. The text of my intervention was circulated as HDIM.DEL/81/07.

In Warsaw, the three Personal Representatives met with the representatives of the Chairmanship and the ODIHR and discussed preparations for the Cordoba Conference, future country visits by the Personal Representatives, Toledo Guidelines, expansion of ODIHR’s TANDIS web-site to include reports and presentations of the Personal Representatives and the November Semi-Annual Report to the PC.

25 September 2007: COJEP International organized a side event within the margins of the HDIM on the topic of “Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims – Youth and Education” at which I was one of the panellists. This was the fourth event organized by COJEP International under the umbrella of relevant international organizations and proved to be topical and illuminating. The text of my speaking notes were distributed as per HDIM.DEL/92/07.

1 October 2007: Ambassador Orhün delivered a key-note address on “Non-Discrimination, Respect for Diversity and Inter-Cultural/Inter-Religious Dialogue” to the Mediterranean Forum organized by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at Portoroz/Slovenia. The text of his address has been distributed by the Chairmanship. (CIO.GAL/150/07) Taking advantage of his presence in Slovenia, on he conducted a number of meetings with Slovenian officials and civil society representatives with the kind assistance of Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr.Taskin Soykan. A short report on my contacts and observations will be submitted to the Chairmanship for dissemination within the OSCE.

9-10 October 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the OSCE Chairmanship Conference on Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, which was convened in Cordoba/Spain. He moderated the First Session of the Conference on “Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims - Old Prejudices and New Targets” and provided a written contribution to the participants of the Conference. (CIO.GAL/151/07)

18-19 October 2007. upon the invitation extended by the Norwegian Government, Ambassador Orhün conducted a country visit to Norway. Mr.Taskin Soykan, Adviser on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims at the ODIHR accompanied me during this visit. A detailed report on my country visit to Norway will be submitted to the Chairmanship in due course.

22-23 October 2007: Ambassador Orhün participated to the Partnership for Development Meeting in Berlin. During my stay in Berlin I also met Director General Eberhardt Pohl and his collaborators at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss issues related to my mandate, including priorities in my activities, working methods and structures of the Personal Representatives and a preliminary assessment of the Cordoba Conference. In a separate meeting, he exchanged views and considerations with Ms.Heidrun Tempel, Director of Department in charge of Dialogue of Civilizations.

26-28 October 2007: Ambassador Orhün attended the World Conference on Dialogue among Religions and Civilizations, organized in Ohrid by the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in collaboration with the UN and UNESCO.

Report to the PC on participation to the Wilton Park Conference on “Engaging with Muslim Youth in Europe and North America” on 30 October-1 November 2006. Remarks at this event were circulated later as per CIO.GAL/21/07. (The full report of the conference can be found at the Wilton Park website.)

During the remaining period till the end of 2007, Ambassador Orhün has conducted a country visit to Switzerland on 12-14 November upon the invitation previously extended by the Swiss Government. Subsequently, he has attended the Meeting of the Intergovernmental Advisory Board of the International Centre for Democratic Transition in Budapest on 26-27 November, and he has been present at the Ministerial Council Meeting in Madrid at the end of November.

Article to the German Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, be devoted to the CORE 2007 OSCE Yearbook to tolerance and non-discrimination, inter-faith dialogue and inter-cultural cooperation

Country visits and follow-up of them: Netherlands, USA, UK, France, Germany, Denmark and Spain