



# Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office

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**05 December 2014:**

OSCE proves its value and ability as a forum for dialogue, concluded the CiO at Basel Ministerial Council

**07 December 2014:**

At request of the Serbian Chair, Swiss Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini accepted to continue to represent the OSCE in the Trilateral Contact Group in 2015

**08-10 December 2014:**

CiO's PRs on tolerance and non-discrimination visited Turkey to hold meetings with Representatives of diverse civil society, Deputy Prime Minister Arinç and Minister of Education Avci

**09 December 2014:**

PC Chair Ambassador Thomas Greminger and SR Radojko Bogojevic attended CMI Conference in Brussels

**09-10 December 2014:**

30th round of Geneva International Discussions



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# Eminent Persons Panel

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- The independent Panel of Eminent Persons is commissioned by the CiO in close consultation with the incoming chairs Serbia and Germany.
  - Wolfgang Ischinger will act as a chairman primus inter pares.
  - The Chair will contact potential members of the panel in the coming days. Names are consulted within the 2015 Troika and with the chairman of the panel.
  - We are looking for independent, eminent persons representing all OSCE regions and reflecting a gender balance.
  - While recommendations from governments are welcome, we do not foresee nominations by governments. All panellists act in their personal capacity.
  - It is our aim to nominate members before the end of the year and will inform pS about the composition, once the panel is complete. Most probably this will happen in January 2015. A first meeting is envisaged for February.
  - The Serbian Chairmanship will invite Ambassador Ischinger to Vienna early 2015 for an exchange with OSCE Ambassadors.
  - An ExB project will be established in the OSCE Secretariat. Interested countries are welcome to contribute. No UB funds will be used for the Panel.
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