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## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (11 to 18 October 2006)**

### **OSCE Chairman expresses serious regrets at the failure of Joint Control Commission meeting on Georgian-Ossetian conflict**

BRUSSELS, 13 October 2006 - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, said he seriously regretted that the meeting of the four-party Joint Control Commission on the resolution of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict failed to reach any agreements during its two-day session in Vladikavkaz on 12-13 October 2006. He called on all parties to the conflict to maintain dialogue, to exercise the greatest caution and restraint and actively seek compromises to keep the peace process going.

### **OSCE Chairman congratulates UN Secretary-General designate Ban Ki-moon**

BRUSSELS, 17 October 2006 – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, has sent a letter to Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General designate, congratulating him on his appointment on behalf of the OSCE and its 56 participating States.

Minister De Gucht also said he was pleased with the productive co-operation with the UN in many fields, including in the fight against organized crime, strengthening a transport dialogue as well as promoting tolerance and democratization.