



## **Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office 955<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Council, 6 June 2013**

- The 34th meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism in Ergneti, co-facilitated by Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador Andrii Deshchytsia and Ambassador Tyszkiewicz of EU Monitoring Mission on 31 May, addressed, among other issues, the problem of freedom of movement of the population in the areas adjacent to the Administrative Boundary Line with South Ossetia.

The Ukrainian Chairmanship, within its mandate as Co-Chair of the Geneva International Discussions, intends to continue applying its efforts in promoting the solutions to the existing problems on the ground, including on the security situation and on the freedom of movement. The Chairmanship is concerned that any obstacles to the freedom of movement could negatively influence the atmosphere of negotiations.

- Following the Chairmanship-in-Office's decision, the Group of Representatives of the OSCE led by the CiO Special Envoy Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko was dispatched to Mongolia on 28 May – 1 June.

The Chairmanship informed the delegations of this visit by the Circular Note CIO.GAL/61/13/Rev.1, distributed on 20 May 2013.

In Mongolia, the Group met with a wide range of the governmental officials as well as the other interlocutors at the expert level.

The Mongolian side expressed a strong intention to deepen relationship with the OSCE and clear interest in advancing concrete areas of assistance in politico-military, economic and environmental, and human dimensions.

The CiO Special Envoy's report will be distributed by the Chairmanship to all participating States in due course.

- On 10-11 June the Ukrainian Chairmanship event - High-Level Conference on "Strengthening the OSCE Response to Trafficking in

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Human Beings” will take place in Kyiv. This High-Level Conference is convened by the Ukrainian Chairmanship with a view to enhance co-operation among participating States and to improve the response to trafficking in human beings.

OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Leonid Kozhara will open the Conference and address the participants with a welcoming speech.

Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk will deliver the concluding remarks.

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