



ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (31 August to 6 September)

OSCE Chairman-in-Office concerned that helicopter incident in Georgia contradicts commitments

BRUSSELS, 4 September 2006 - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, expressed concern about an incident in which a Georgian helicopter carrying the country's Minister of Defense was fired upon from the South Ossetian side as it flew over the area of responsibility of the Joint Peacekeeping Forces.

Minister De Gucht urged the two sides to take responsibility in this fragile situation and to intensify result-oriented dialogue.