



## **Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office 948th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 18 April 2013**

- On 14-15 April Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk participated in the Bureau meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen.

He briefed the leadership of the OSCE PA on the current developments within the Organization.

- On 15 and 17 of April Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for conflicts, Ambassador Andrii Deshchytsia visited Baku and Yerevan in preparation to the upcoming visit of the Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Leonid Kozhara to the region in June.

In Azerbaijan, he met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence, and Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration.

In Armenia, he met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and with Deputy Minister, Head of the Presidential Administration, and Head of Military Policy Division of the Ministry of Defence.

During the visit Ambassador Deshchytsia discussed issues pertaining to the Nagorno-Karabakh settlement in the context of process led by the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group.

- On 16 April the 33rd meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism took place in Ergneti, co-facilitated by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Special Representative for conflicts Ambassador Andrii Deshchytsia and Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission Ambassador Andrzej Tyszkiewicz. The participants assessed the security situation on the ground as calm and quiet. After the meeting, Ambassador Deshchytsia undertook a visit to the villages of Zardiantkari and Didi

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Khurvaleti to follow up on concerns regarding freedom of movement, which were extensively discussed in this and previous meetings of the IPRM.

- On 16-17 April the Ukrainian Chairmanship hosted the Second Preparatory Meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Economic and Environmental Forum. The theme for this year's Forum was specified as "Increasing stability and security: Improving the environmental footprint of energy-related activities in the OSCE region".

During the Second Preparatory Meeting in Kyiv the representatives of pS studied how to increase stability and security in the OSCE area through sustainable energy solutions.

The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Leonid Kozhara addressed the meeting with opening remarks.

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