



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
968th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 24 October 2013**

- On 17-18 October the High-level International Conference “Energy Security and Sustainability – the OSCE Perspective” was held in Ashgabat. The event was organized jointly by the Ukrainian Chairmanship and the Turkmen Government.

President of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Leonid Kozhara attended the event.

High-level International Conference was built on the discussion at the OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum held last month in Prague and provided participants with the opportunity to discuss conditions for development of the energy sector; strengthening regional energy co-operation; security and reliability of energy transport and energy infrastructure; and promotion of sustainable energy, including energy efficiency.

The two days of discussions highlighted the need for further enhancement of energy security dialogue, including on agreed principles of our cooperation, as was emphasized by Heads of State and Government of the OSCE participating States in the Astana Commemorative Declaration of 2010.

The High-level International Conference served to advance the energy security dialogue within the OSCE and provided valuable impetus on energy issues ahead of December’s Kyiv Ministerial Council.

- On 18 October, the 38th meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) took place in Ergneti, co-facilitated by the Special Representative of the OSCE

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Chairperson-in-Office for Conflicts Ambassador Andrii Deshchytsia and the Head of EU Monitoring Mission Toivo Klaar.

Among the topics discussed were issues related to detained and missing persons. The continued installation of fences along the administrative boundary line with South Ossetia and its adverse effects on the livelihood of the local population were also raised. The co-facilitators voiced proposals for tailored solutions to local problems to ease the effects of developments on the local population.

The next meeting of the Ergneti IPRM will take place on 15 November.

- On 18 October, the Co-chairs of the Geneva international discussions visited the village of Ditsi close to the administrative boundary line with South Ossetia, where the installation of fences recently took place. The situation in the villages affected by fencing and the problems of the local population remain important issues on the agenda of the consultations of the Co-chairs with the participants of the Geneva discussions.

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