



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
967th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 17 October 2013**

- The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister Kozhara these days is paying visits to Central Asia countries. The Chairmanship's priorities on the eve of the Kyiv Ministerial Council, cooperation with Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan and Turkmenistan within the OSCE as well as current state and perspectives of bilateral relations and regional cooperation are issues on the agenda of the visits.

Today, during his visit to Turkmenistan, the CiO was received by the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow and held talks with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and other Turkmen high officials.

- Later today the High-level International Conference "Energy Security and Sustainability – the OSCE Prospective" will commence its work in Ashgabat. The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister Kozhara will attend and address the event, organized by joint initiative of the Presidents of Ukraine and Turkmenistan.

The main objective for this Conference is to provide an opportunity for high-level stakeholders to discuss the current state of energy security and sustainability issues and explore how these current conditions affect the OSCE participating States.

Ukrainian Chairmanship believes that this High-level meeting will facilitate enhancement of the OSCE dialogue on energy security and co-operation, which is considered as an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive security as highlighted in Astana Declaration.

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- On 10-11 October in Kyiv the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship with support of the OSCE TNT Department organized the Counter-Terrorism Conference on priority issues for international cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Final concluding remarks, which outline the outcomes of this event, were distributed on 14 October.

- On 15-16 October, the International Conference on Combating Anti-Semitism on the Occasion of 100th Anniversary of the Beilis Trial “From Beilis Trial to Berlin and Beyond” took place in Kyiv. In his address to the participants of event, the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Leonid Kozhara called for joint actions and cooperation aimed at fostering mutual tolerance and respect, and promoting a society respectful of all religious or belief communities. The Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on combating anti-Semitism Rabbi Andrew Baker took part in the Conference.
- On 18 October, the next meeting of the Incident prevention and response mechanism is scheduled in Ergneti under the co-facilitation of the Special representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for conflicts Amb. Andrii Deshchytsia and the new head of the EUMM Toivo Klaar.

Amb. Deshchytsia intends to reiterate at this meeting his proposal to organize a joint visit to the areas affected by the so-called "borderization" process along the South Ossetian administrative boundary line.

- During this week (16 October - Sukhumi, 17 - Tbilisi, 18 - Tskhinvali), the Co-Chairs of the Geneva discussions will be having meetings with Georgian, Abkhaz and South Ossetian interlocutors regarding the preparations to the next round of talks scheduled for 5-6 November. This additional trip is an effort of the Co-Chairs to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable choreography of the round.

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