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## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (20 to 26 April)**

### **OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy met Moldovan and Transnistrian authorities.**

CHISINAU, TIRASPOL, 19 and 20 April 2006 – The OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy, Senator Pierre Chevalier, had a meeting with Moldovan and Transnistrian authorities to discuss the situation in Transnistria.

### **OSCE Chairman expresses condolences after French expert dies in landmine accident in Tajikistan**

BRUSSELS, 20 April 2006 - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, expressed his condolences to the family of a French expert who was killed when a landmine exploded in Tajikistan on 19 April. He also expressed his support for the joint OSCE/FSD mine action programme.

### **OSCE Chairman is shocked after a new series of bloody attacks in Egypt**

BRUSSELS, 25 April 2006 – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, strongly condemned these horrible crimes and expressed his condolences to the victims' families and to the Egyptian government.

### **OSCE Chairman raises rule of law, democratic institutions and economic development with Albanian authorities; urges resumed work on electoral reform**

TIRANA, 26 April 2006 - The OSCE Chairman-in Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, held talks in Tirana with President Alfred Moisiu, Prime Minister Sali Berisha and Foreign Minister Besnik Mustafaj. The OSCE Chairman called on Albanian leaders to re-start the election reforms and urged them to implement the recommendations of ODIHR and encouraged the Albanian authorities to strengthen the functioning of democratic institutions.

The CiO also commended the Albanian Government on its efforts in the fight against organized crime and corruption and congratulated Albania on the imminent signature of the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union, saying it would provide further impetus for reform.



**OSCE Chairman-in-Office sees 2006 as an important milestone on Bosnia and Herzegovina's path to reform**

SARAJEVO, 26 April 2006 - During a two-day visit to Sarajevo, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, met Bosnian Prime Minister Adnan Terzic, Foreign Minister Mladen Ivanic and the members of the Bosnian Presidency, Sulejman Tihic, Borislav Paravac and Ivo Miro Jovic, as well as members of the international community.

Minister De Gucht urged the Bosnian authorities to pursue reforms on the path toward Euro-Atlantic integration and called on the Bosnian parties to adopt constitutional amendments to introduce more simple, efficient and affordable institutions, strengthening the federal level.

The CiO encouraged co-operation between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro on war crimes prosecution and urged the leaders to find agreement on sensitive issues, such as extradition or dual citizenship