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## **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN IN OFFICE (12 October – 18 October)**

### **Chairman-in-Office visits Moscow**

MOSCOW - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel met Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov as he began a three-country tour in Moscow on 17 October. The talks focused on topical issues ahead of December's OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting in Ljubljana.

### **Chairman-in-Office Upbeat about Course of Kosovo Talks**

BELGRADE/PRISTINA - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel was optimistic about the developments regarding the possible talks on the future status of Kosovo after he met Serbian and Kosovo officials in Belgrade and Pristina on 14 October. "I believe everybody understands now that the time has come to launch talks about the status of Kosovo," Chairman-in-Office said in Pristina after talks with government and opposition representatives. "Naturally, the positions regarding the future of Kosovo are different, even far apart, but I am confident that things are going the right way," he stressed.

### **Children's Human Rights Education Pilot Project Launched in Ukraine**

KYIV - Increasing children's awareness of human rights is the focus of a training course for Ukrainian teachers held in Kyiv. As part of a major human rights education pilot project "Our Rights", launched by the Slovenian OSCE Chairmanship, the training course seeks to spread knowledge of human rights issues among children aged 10 to 12. Slovenia is delighted with the cooperation of the Ukrainian authorities, NGOs and international organisations present, including the OSCE Project Coordinator's office, in conducting the pilot project.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

CHISINAU/TIRASPOL, 18 October - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel is due in Moldova on the second day of his three-country tour.

KIEV, 18 & 19 October - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel is to end his tour with a visit to Ukraine.

LJUBLJANA, 21 October - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel is to host a meeting of mediators in the Transdniester conflict.