

**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
965th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 19 September 2013**

- On 11-13 September the Concluding Meeting of the 21st OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on “Increasing stability and security: Improving the environmental footprint of energy-related activities in the OSCE region” was held in Prague.

The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Leonid Kozhara opened the conference in Prague. In his remarks Minister Kozhara called on the conference participants to promote sustainable production, transportation and consumption of energy and conclude the Forum process with a relevant decision for the Kyiv MC.

Dialogue on these issues will continue at the high-level international conference “Energy Security and Sustainability – the OSCE Perspective” jointly hosted by the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship and the Government of Turkmenistan on 17-18 October 2013 in Ashgabat.

The Chairmanship extends its appreciations to the delegations of the participating States who were actively engaged in preparation and actively participated in the Forum.

- On 10-16 September the Co-Chairs of the Geneva international discussions visited Georgia in preparations to the upcoming round of the discussions scheduled for the beginning of November. The Co-chairs, representing the OSCE, the EU and the UN held meetings with stakeholders in Sukhumi, Tbilisi and Tskhinvali to discuss the organization and substance of the round. On 17 September they visited Moscow where they met with the State Secretary, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Grigory Karasin. The OSCE was represented by the Special representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for conflicts, Amb. Andrii Deshchytsia.

- On 16 September, the 37th meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism took place in Ergneti, co-facilitated by the OSCE and the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia. The issue of continued installation of fences along the Administrative Boundary Line (ABL) and its adverse effects on the lives of the local population was raised at the meeting.

A joint visit of participants to places of concern at the ABL was proposed. Safety measures during the harvest season in the vicinity of the ABL also were one of the topics for discussion. A technical survey of the demining needs in the area was announced. The next meeting will take place on 18 October.

- On 5 September the Personal Representatives of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on tolerance and non-discrimination issues Ambassador Adil Akhmetov and Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskaya addressed participants of the OSCE-supported Central Asian Youth Network seminar in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- On 17-20 September the Personal Representatives of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on tolerance and non-discrimination issues Ambassador Adil Akhmetov, Rabbi Andrew Baker and Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskaya are paying a joint country visit to Greece.

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