



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
943rd Meeting of the Permanent Council, 7 March 2013**

- Today OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine H.E. Mr. Leonid Kozhara is visiting Hague and participating at the ceremony marking the 20th Anniversary of establishment of the High Commissioner on National Minorities.
- Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskaya participated in the 5th Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations on 27-28 February in Vienna. In her statement she highlighted the activities undertaken in order to promote tolerance and mutual understanding, as well as inter-religious dialogue as a means to promote freedom of religion or belief throughout the OSCE area.
- On 5-6 March Ms June Zeitlin, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, participated in Kyiv Dialogue Conference. Addressing the forum, she encouraged the participants to “promote the equal participation of women and men in political parties by identifying concrete steps to achieve better gender-balanced representation in elected public offices at all levels of decision-making.”

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