



ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (29 June to 05 July)

OSCE Chairman-in-Office welcomed the opening of a new mission to Montenegro

VIENNA, 29 June 2006 – In a press statement, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, welcomed the opening of a new mission to Montenegro. Minister De Gucht underlined the importance for the OSCE to ensure continuity of its activities in Serbia and in Montenegro, where it has contributed considerably to ensure stability and democracy.

OSCE Chairman-in-office addressed OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

BRUSSELS, 3 July 2006 – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, addressed the Assembly at the inaugural plenary session of the fifteenth annual Session.

In his speech, Minister De Gucht mainly outlined the importance of strengthening human security, democratization, rule of law and respect for human rights. He also insisted on strengthening the effectiveness of the OSCE, election observation and progress with regard to the frozen conflicts.