



ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (1 to 7 February)

OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy visited Bosnia and Herzegovina

SARAJEVO, 6-7-8 February – The Special Envoy of the Chairmanship, Senator Pierre Chevalier, met Minister of Foreign Affairs Mladen Ivanić, as well as others members of the government. During his visit, he also met with the head of the OSCE mission and the cell of the EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office met Personal Representative on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference

BRUSSELS, 7 February – OSCE Chairman-in-Office Karel De Gucht met the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, for an exchange of views on the prospects for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

OSCE Chairman-in-Office calls for balance between freedom of expression and respect for religious and other beliefs

BRUSSELS, 7 February - Expressing concern about the growing violent protests over the religious caricatures appearing in several newspapers, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office Karel De Gucht issued a press statement, urging all sides to respect the basic freedoms of expression and media, while reminding the press of its responsibility towards society. The Chairman-in-Office also urged the OSCE community to focus on future positive steps.