**Report on the Activities
of the Chairperson-in-Office**

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- On 1 September, **Foreign Ministers** of the OSCE met in Potsdam for an **informal meeting** under the title "Facing Common Challenges Together". 38 Foreign Ministers attended, as did the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Secretary General, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Director of ODIHR and the RFoM.

- On 30 August, Chairmanship SR Erler together with SG Zannier briefed the **European Parliament`s Foreign Affairs Committe** (AFET) about current issues and future plannings of the German Chairmanship. Discussions centered on the protracted conflicts in the OSCE area and possibilities to strengthen the organization and deepening co-operation between OSCE and EU.

- On 2 September, Chairmanship SR Erler discussed perspectives for the coming months with the **Co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions** Amb. Turunen (UN), Salber (EU) and Bächler (OSCE) in Berlin. He commended the Co-Chairs for their significant efforts and achievements, and offered continued Chairmanship support.

- On 6 September, Minister of State for Europe Roth opened the **conference "Confronting Anti-Gypsyism – the Role of Political Leaders in Countering Discrimination, Racism, Hate Crimes and Violence against Roma and Sinti Communities"** in Berlin with panel participation of i.a. Council of Europe Secretary General Jagland, OSCE-PA Vice-President Santos and ODIHR Director Link.

- On 7 September Chairmanship SR Erler and State Secretary for Labour and Social Affairs Fahimi opened a two-day high-level conference focusing on the **prevention of human trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains**. This event was organized by the OSCE Office of the SR for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings Jarbussynova in co-operation with the Chairmanship.

- On August 31, the **69th IPRM** meeting took place in Ergneti, co-facilitated by SR Bächler. One topic was how to prevent unintended close encounters of armed security personnel from the sides along the ABL.