



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
909th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 26th April 2012**

- The Chairmanship Conference on Northern Ireland, entitled ‘Shared Future: Building and Sustaining Peace’ will take place in Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin on the 27 April 2012. The focus of the Conference will be on an exchange of experience, with particular emphasis on how the political settlement in Northern Ireland (known generally as the Good Friday Agreement) was achieved, how the political trust needed for it was built up and how the post-conflict political processes and institutions are functioning today.
- The Second Preparatory Meeting for the Economic and Environmental forum took place in Dublin on Monday and Tuesday of this week. There was a large attendance from across the OSCE area and a number of high level speakers addressed the Delegates. The assessment of the Chair is that the meeting was a useful contribution to our work in the second dimension.
- The CiO Special Representative, June Zeitlin, is in Europe this week; she is participating in the Gender Focal Point Meeting and will hold consultations in Vienna before travelling to Belgrade for a country visit to Serbia.
- The Chairmanship has circulated a food for thought paper entitled, “Towards an OSCE Security Community: the “Helsinki +40” Concept” CIO.GAL/49/12. This paper will be discussed at the Ambassadorial Retreat 7-8 May.
- The Co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions made a statement yesterday which was issued under reference SEC.PR/139/12.