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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN IN OFFICE (20 July – 27 July)

OSCE Chairman-in-Office Discusses OSCE Contribution to World Changes

VIENNA - Addressing an event discussing the theme "30 Years of Helsinki Process: The Contribution of the OSCE in Changing World", the OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel said on 20 July that the Organisation had always contributed to world changes. "It brought together all those with an interest in European security to help reduce tensions and talk about the issues that divided them...the OSCE process was a key element in ending the Cold War and making Europe safer and more united," he said. According to the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, there are now good reasons why the 55 participating states need to work together to promote security through cooperation. "We need to maintain a baseline of common values. We need to work together to tackle common threats to our security, like terrorism, trafficking, organised crime and the dangers of extremism and intolerance," the OSCE Chairman-in-Office said.

Chairman-in-Office Personal Representative Says Kyrgyzstan Satisfied with OSCE Contribution

LJUBLJANA - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office Personal Representative for Central Asia Alojz Peterle has said that the Kyrgyz officials he has met during his latest visit to the region praised the Organisation's contribution there and are looking forward to further cooperation with the OSCE. Personal Representative Peterle addressed press in Ljubljana on 25 July, following his visit to Kyrgyzstan last week. He said the officials he talked to proposed establishing a permanent election training centre and a parliamentary radio station. According to Personal Representative Peterle, Kyrgyzstan must now amend its electoral legislation and the constitution. He said he was reassured by President Kurmanbek Bakiev that he would make his personal commitment for the constitutional changes to be passed this year. This is vital for by-elections, due in February or March next year, to supplement the structure of the incumbent parliament, Peterle explained.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HELSINKI, 1 August - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel is to attend an event marking the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, organized by Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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