

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

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- **On 29 June, the CiO condemned the heinous terrorist attack in Istanbul.**
  - **From 29 June to 1 July, the CiO visited Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, in particular focusing on the conflicts in the region and showing his support for the OSCE's engagement for confidence-building and conflict settlement in South Caucasus. In Yerevan, the CiO paid a visit to the OSCE Office. In Tbilisi the CiO also met participants of HCNMs' Multiparty Dialogue Project. The CiO was accompanied by SR for South Caucasus Amb. Bächler and PRCiO Amb. Kasprzyk.**
  - **Addressing the Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 1 July, the CiO stressed the importance of strengthening parliamentarism in the OSCE area.**
  - **The CiO, together with the SG, offered condolences on passing of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel on 3 July.**
  - **On 5 July, the CiO, together with the SG, congratulated Christine Muttonen on her election as President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.**
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- **Chairmanship SR Erler opened the three-day 2016 Annual Security Review Conference on 28 June in Vienna. Erler welcomed the agreement by all OSCE participating States to include a formal exchange on the crises and conflicts in the OSCE area in the conference's agenda.**
  - **On 6 July, Chairmanship SR Erler opened a Chairmanship conference titled "The OSCE as mediator - Instruments, Challenges, Potentials". Based on examples from the OSCE area, discussions focused on various approaches to mediation. CiO's regional SRs Amb. Bächler (South Caucasus), Amb. Meier-Klodt (Transdniestrian Settlement Process) and Amb. Sajdik (Ukraine and Trilateral Contact Group) also participated in the event.**
  - **On 28 June, SR for South Caucasus Amb. Bächler participated in the 67th meeting under the IPRM in Ergneti.**
  - **SR on Gender Issues Amb. Verveer visited Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 to 4 July.**
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