

- On 13 October, the **CiO** addressed the **Council of Europe PA** in Strasbourg, underlining the important role of the Council of Europe played with regard to many serious security challenges in Europe, thus highlighting the strong potential for dialogue and co-operation between the OSCE and the Council of Europe. The CiO also met with CoE SG **Jagland** and the President PA **Agramunt**.
- On 13 October the **CiO**, together with **SG Zannier**, offered his **sympathies over death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej** of Thailand.

Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office

- On 20 October **CiO**, together with **General Music Director Daniel Barenboim**, opened an **OSCE Chairmanship Conference on Tolerance and Diversity** in Berlin. CiO urged people to see diversity and co-operation primarily as an “opportunity”. More than 350 participants discussed ways to promote diversity, non-discrimination and tolerance against the backdrop of growing intolerance in our societies. The high-level event, that included two specific panels on the educational dimension as well as hate speech, was closed by **State Minister Roth**. The day before, **CiO SR Erler** had opened a civil society pre-conference, which elaborated recommendations for the Chairmanship conference.