• 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.
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.