



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office presented by  
H.E. Ambassador Renatas Norkus at the 863rd Meeting of  
the OSCE Permanent Council on 26 May 2011**

- On 26 May 2011 the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Lithuanian Foreign Minister Audronius Ažubalis, welcomed the arrest of Bosnian Serb wartime military leader Ratko Mladić as a very important step for justice and regional reconciliation. "I welcome today's arrest of Ratko Mladić by the Serbian authorities. He is one of the last two persons indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia that has so far evaded justice. His arrest is an important step in ensuring that all those indicted for war crimes face justice and demonstrates that there can be no impunity for war crimes," said Ažubalis.
- On 23-24 May 2011, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Evaldas Ignatavičius, addressed the participants at the OSCE-Mongolia Conference in Ulaanbaatar on behalf of the Chairperson-in-Office. In his speech Vice-Minister Ignatavičius stressed the Chairmanship's commitment to enhancing OSCE dialogue and interaction with its Partners for Co-operation and focused in particular on the OSCE engagement with regard to Afghanistan. Strengthening synergies between the 56 participating States of the OSCE and its Asian Partners for Co-operation in addressing transnational threats, such as illicit drug trafficking; advancing international economic co-operation, in particular on transport and energy security; as well as promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms in the whole OSCE area, were key topics of the OSCE-Mongolia Conference.
- The Chairmanship's Conference on Safety of Journalists in the OSCE region is due to take place on 7-8 June 2011 in Vilnius. The Chairmanship kindly reminds all Delegations that the deadline of the online registration for this Conference is 1 June 2011. Therefore, I would like to respectfully encourage those Delegations who have not yet registered to do so and to invite your capitals to nominate one or two senior level officials in charge of media legislation (from Government or Parliament) to attend this important event, devoted to one of the main Human Dimension priorities of the Lithuanian Chairmanship. Participation of Representatives of civil society would also be very welcome. Delegations would oblige the Chairmanship by spreading information about this Conference among NGO and media communities.
- SG selection process. Consultations continue.