



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
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- The Chairperson in Office issued two statements last weekend. The first concerning the murder of five individuals in Skopje and the second welcoming the release of Andrei Sannikov in Belarus.
- The Secretary General and the Chairman of the Permanent Council visited Belgrade yesterday to discuss implementation of a concept for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo to facilitate voting in the forthcoming elections for the President and Parliament of Serbia. Discussions on modalities also took place at a technical level. It has not yet proved possible to agree on the implementation of this concept. As 10 working days remain until the election the time factor is now critical.
- As already mentioned under ‘current issues’, The Chairmanship welcomes the agreement reached during official 5+2 talks this week on the principles and procedures for the conduct of formal negotiations as well as agreement on the agenda for the negotiating process. The Chairperson in Office issued a statement yesterday welcoming these developments.
- Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Ambassador O’Leary and Secretary General, Lamberto Zannier, will lead a visit to Mongolia on 3-6 June, which will involve representatives from the Secretariat, the Institutions and the Chairmanship. The main objective of the visit is to produce a report on the application of Mongolia to become a participating State of the OSCE and contribute to a more informed debate among the participating States