

Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office

- The CiO has been and remains actively involved in the international efforts to de-escalate the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. In close contacts, by phone and in personal meetings, with the sides and other international actors he called for hostilities to stop immediately in an effective and lasting way. He welcomed the statement by the Minsk Group of April 6 as an important signal to the conflict parties.
- The CiO tasked his Personal Representative, Ambassador Kasprzyk, to travel to the areas affected by the military escalation as soon as the situation permits.
- On 23 March, after a longer series of consultations in the region, Special Representative Bächler co-chaired the 35th round of the Geneva International Discussions. The participants reached an important agreement on the resumption of the work of the Gali / Gal Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM).

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- From 30 March to 1 April, the CiO visited Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The CiO visited flagship projects, including the OSCE Academy in Bishkek and the Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe. In Samarkand, he met beneficiaries of an OSCE project for the economic empowerment of women, jointly with FM Kamilov. In his political talks, the CiO stressed the importance of the OSCE's work in all three dimensions and of enhancing regional cooperation in order to better tackle common challenges. In Bishkek, the CiO signed a new MoU for the work of the OSCE Academy, jointly with FM Abdyldaev.
 - On 5-6 April, the Special Representative of the CiO for the Transdniestrian settlement process, Amb. Meier-Klodt, went to Chisinau and Tiraspol jointly with international mediators and observers. It has been the first trip in this format after a number of years. All mediators and observers were represented at capital level. One objective of this trip was to give new impetus to a restart of the 5+2 process.
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