



Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office 954th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 30 May 2013

- On 21-22 May the OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination (including Human Rights Youth Education on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination) took place in Tirana, Albania.

The Conference aimed at strengthening the coherence of the OSCE's ongoing efforts to implement the existing commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination and to promote international co-operation on preventing and responding to hate crimes.

First Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Mr. Yevhen Sulima and the Prime Minister of Albania Sali Berisha addressed the participants during the Opening ceremony.

The two Personal Representatives of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on tolerance and non-discrimination issues Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskaya and Rabbi Andrew Baker also participated in the Conference.

- On 23-24 May the official round of negotiations in the Transdniestrian settlement process took place in Odesa, Ukraine, chaired by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for conflicts, Ambassador Andrii Deshchysia.

Agenda of the talks included, among others, the issues pertaining to the freedom of movement, co-operation of the law enforcement agencies, utilization of radioactive waste. One of the important results of the round was the adoption of a Protocol decision on dismantling of the industrial cable car crossing the Dniester river at the towns of Rybnitsa and Rezina.

Following the agreement reached in Odesa, on 28 May the political representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria met in Chisinau to touch upon a number of pressing issues which were not discussed during the round.

The next meeting will take place in Vienna on 16-17 July.

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- On 28 May the co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions paid a visit to Moscow, where they had a meeting with the State Secretary, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Grigory Karasin to discuss issues regarding the organization and substance of the upcoming Geneva round scheduled for 25-26 June.

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