



## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (23 to 29 March)**

### **OSCE Chairmanship's Special Envoy met Personal Representative on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference**

BRUSSELS, 23 March – The Special Envoy of the Chairmanship, Senator Pierre Chevalier, met the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, for an exchange of views on the latest developments concerning Nagorno-Karabakh.

### **OSCE Chairman-in-Office concerned over continuous detentions amid post-election developments in Belarus**

BRUSSELS, 23 March - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, has expressed his deep concern at the continuing arrests, detentions and arbitrary court trials of political and civil society activists following the presidential election in Belarus.

### **OSCE Chairman-in-Office condemns police crackdown on peaceful demonstrators in Minsk**

BRUSSELS, 24 March - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office has expressed his deep disappointment and regret over the overnight crackdown by the Belarusian authorities against the peaceful demonstration in Minsk.

### **OSCE Chairman-in-Office welcomes free and fair conduct of elections in Ukraine**

BRUSSELS, 27 March - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office has expressed his satisfaction over the conduct of the parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

## **VISIT OF OSCE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE TO CENTRAL ASIA (PART 1)**

### **OSCE Chairman-in-Office met Kazakh authorities and encourages Kazakhstan to move ahead on further political reforms**

ASTANA, 27 March – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office met President Nursultan Nazarbayev and Foreign Minister Kassymzhomart Tokaev. Regarding Kazakhstan's bid for the Chairmanship of the Organization in 2009 and without speculating on the outcome of the decision-making process, Minister Karel De Gucht called on Kazakhstan to rise to the occasion and ensure the right conditions to increase political pluralism.

### **OSCE Chairman-in-Office urges Kyrgyz authorities to prioritize fight against human trafficking and money laundering**

BISHKEK, 29 March - After meetings with Kyrgyz President, Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister Feliks Kulov and Foreign Minister Alikbek Jekshenkulov, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister Karel De Gucht, has urged Kyrgyzstan's authorities to make the fight against human trafficking and money laundering a top priority.