

## Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office

- On 9 April, Special Representative Erler issued a statement on OSCE reports of increasing violations of the ceasefire in **eastern Ukraine** and on the safety of OSCE monitors. He called upon all sides to adhere to the agreements reached and to stop all fighting immediately. He also expressed his concern about attacks against SMM patrols and underlined that all sides must fully ensure monitors' safety as well as their free and unrestricted access to the entire conflict area.
  - On 12 April, the **OSCE-Troika met in Berlin** and discussed recent developments in the OSCE region, including the situation in Ukraine and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The Troika also focused on migration, the fight against terrorism and economic connectivity. The CiO announced that he will convene an informal meeting of OSCE Foreign Ministers on 1 September 2016 in Potsdam.
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- The CiO remained actively involved in the international efforts to de-escalate the **Nagorno-Karabakh conflict**. He continued to keep close contact, by phone and in personal meetings, with the sides and other international actors, to call upon the sides to end all violence, strictly adhere to the ceasefire, and to step up the political process.
  - From April 8 to 12, the Personal Representative of the CiO Ambassador Kasprzyk and his team facilitated the recovery and exchange of dead soldiers by the sides, coordinated by the ICRC. From April 6 to 9, Ambassador Kasprzyk had talks in Baku, Stepanakert and Yerevan together with the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group.
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### Upcoming:

- On 19 April, the CiO will travel to Warsaw and participate in the celebration on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of ODIHR, together with the Polish Foreign Minister.
  - On 19 April, SR Erler will travel to Moscow to attend a commemorative event marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Moscow Helsinki Group.
  - On 20 April SR Erler will visit The Hague to address a High-level meeting marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Hague Recommendations Regarding the Education Rights of National Minorities".
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