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ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE (23 TO 28 FEBRUARY)

Brussels, 22 February 2006 - OSCE Chairman-in-office Karel De Gucht met with EU Special Representative to Moldova Adriaan Jacobovits.

Brussels, 22 February 2006 – The OSCE Chairman-in-Office met with Heikki Talvitie, the EU Special Representative to South Caucasus, and his successor Peter Semneby.

Vienna, 23 February 2006 – OSCE Chairman-in-office Karel De Gucht opened the winter session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. In his speech, the CiO mainly addressed the protracted conflicts and strengthening the effectiveness of the OSCE. Regarding the latter, the CiO also spoke about election observation.

Brussels, 23 February 2006 - Special Envoy of the Belgian OSCE Chairmanship Pierre Chevalier met with Matthew Bryza, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

Brussels, 28 February 2006 – In a press release the OSCE CiO expressed his satisfaction with the extension of the mandate of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Ambassador Christian Strohal.