



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
953d Meeting of the Permanent Council, 16 May 2013**

- On 6-9 May OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Leonid Kozhara paid a working visit to the United States of America.

In New York Minister Kozhara had a briefing in the UN Security Council and met with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

In his address before the UNSC Minister Kozhara outlined priorities of the Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship, stressed the importance of further developing the partnership between two Organizations in promoting international peace and security.

In Washington D.C. the Chairperson-in-Office met with Secretary of State John Kerry. They discussed a number of bilateral issues along with implementation of Ukrainian Chairmanship's priorities with a particular focus on protracted conflicts and human dimension issues.

Minister also took part at the special hearings organized by the US Helsinki Commission and met its Chair Senator Cardin. They discussed the Ukraine's priorities for the OSCE Chairmanship, in particular recent developments in human dimension.

- On 13-18 May, the Co-Chairs of the Geneva Discussions are visiting Georgia in preparations to the upcoming round of the discussions due in June.

The Co-chairs, representing the OSCE, the EU and the UN, are having meetings with stakeholders in Sukhumi, Tbilisi and Tskhinvali. Their visit to Moscow is planned for the end of the month. Special representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for conflicts, Amb. Andrii Deshchytsia is taking part in the visit on behalf of the OSCE.

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