



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office
919th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 5 July 2012**

- The Chairperson-in-Office, Tánaiste Éamon Gilmore is participating in the 21st Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. He will address the Inaugural Plenary Session this afternoon. The Chairperson of the Permanent Council is also attending the conference.
- The Irish Minister for European Affairs, Ms Lucinda Creighton T.D., begins a visit to South-Eastern Europe today. She will be visiting Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina on behalf of the Chairperson-in-Office and will meet with both governments as well as the respective OSCE Field Operations
- The 24th meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism took place in Ergneti on 21st June 2012. The current situation, recent incidents and detentions and the position of missing persons were reviewed by participants. At the meeting, the importance of all sides working together to provide effective water supplies for the people on both sides of the Administrative Boundary line was noted
- An extraordinary meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism took place in the village of Zardiantkari on 1st July. The security situation and the freedom of movement in the village were discussed by participants. The next regular meeting of the IPRM will take place on 26th July 2012.
- The Chairmanship hosted a Beach Volleyball Tournament on Saturday 30 June. Congratulations goes to the finalists of the tournament with first place going to “From Russia with Love”, “Smashing Pekss” (Conference Services) winning second place, and Montenegro achieving third place. Awards were also given to Cyprus for demonstrating the greatest amount of sportsmanship and to the Department of Management and Finance for being the most ‘fun’ team. The Chairmanship thanks all those who participated in the event. Special thanks goes to those who organised the event which was a big success and a very fun day. Although the Irish teams did not progress in the tournament, Ambassador O’Leary, demonstrating determination, skilfulness and pragmatism, scored an unstoppable point for the ‘Irish Wolfhounds’ team.