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During these two weeks meetings of the Permanent Council, the Forum for Security Cooperation and several committees and informal gatherings took place, as well as the 18th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum dealing with transportation issues.

The Permanent Council did not take any decisions. A short debate took place about the situation in Kosovo when the Head of Mission delivered his regular report, in which the EU asked for concrete proposals regarding the future of the mission. Under "Current Issues", Russia listed several alleged violations of freedom of the media in the United States.

The most interesting event was a two-day ambassadorial level seminar of the NATO Defense College, which was hosted by Austria, on "the indivisibility of the Euro-Atlantic security". It was seen as Austria's contribution to the debate on the Corfu Process.

There is a high interest of the diplomats in the upcoming OSCE PA Winter Meeting. I briefed the Permanent Council on the organizational modalities of this meeting.

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