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24 May 2013 – Strasbourg

- Meeting with Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on administrative issues.

27 May 2013 – Strasbourg

- Meeting with Mr Joost Korte, Deputy Director General of EU Enlargement, on co-operation with the Venice Commission.

30-31 May 2013 – Arequipa, Peru

- Participation in the International Conference on “Individual access to Constitutional Justice in Latin America” co-organised by the Venice Commission and the Constitutional Tribunal of Peru.
- Lecture on the Venice Commission at the Catholic University of Santa Maria

12 June 2013 – Strasbourg

- Meeting with Mr Stefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement, on co-operation with the Venice Commission on issues of common interest concerning candidate countries.

19 June 2013 – Strasbourg

- Presentation of the Venice Commission’s Annual Report to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

27 June 2013 – Brussels

- Address to the 72nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Turkish constitutional reform.

3-4 July 2013 – Erevan, Armenia

- Participation in the Pan-European Conference on European standards of rule of law and the scope of discretion of powers in the Member States of the Council of Europe.
- Meetings with Mr Hovik Abrahamyan, Speaker of the Armenian Parliament, and with Mr Edward Nalbandian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.

29-30 August 2013 – Astana, Kazakhstan

- Opening address at the Conference on “the Constitution - a basis of strategy of development of society and the State” organised by the Constitutional Council of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the Constitution Day of the Republic.
- Meetings with Mr Askhat Daulbayev, Prosecutor General, Mr Bektas Beknazarov, Chairman of the Supreme Court, and Mr Berik Imashev, Minister of Justice, on the implementation of the co-operation programmes between Kazakhstan and the Venice Commission.

24 September 2013 – Brussels

- Meeting with Mr Elmar Brok, Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the situation in Ukraine in view of the Vilnius Summit.
- Hearing at the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs on the legislative and constitutional reforms in Ukraine.
- Meeting with Mr Antonio Panzeri, MEP, Head of the European Parliament Delegation for Maghreb countries, on the constitutional reform in Tunisia.