

## Principal international contacts 2014 – as of December 2013<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Official visit to meet with the President of the Federal Republic of Austria, Mr Heinz Fischer, Vienna, January 2014
- Official visit to Switzerland by Italian Prime Minister, Mr E. Letta and 2nd Forum Switzerland-Italy, Bern, January 2014<sup>2</sup>
- • Visit by the President of the Republic of Italy, planned for the 1st half of 2014
   (IT: president of the EU 2nd half of 2014.)
- ✓ Visit by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr Joachim Gauck, planned for the 1st half of 2014
- ✓ State visit to Poland to meet with the President of the Polish Republic Mr Bronislaw Komorowski, and meetings with Prime Minister D. Tusk and MFA R. Sikorski, Warsaw, January 2014
- • ✓ Conference of Ambassadors of Switzerland, in Ticino, with a visit to Milan (Expo 2015), August 2014
- • ✓ Meeting of the four German speaking countries: "Four-country meeting" of foreign ministers and head of states (D/AT/FL/CH)

## Stability in Europe and in the world - Chairmanship of the OSCE

- ✓ Launch of the Swiss Chairmanship before the OSCE Permanent Council, and kick-off of the Model OSCE for young people, Vienna, January 2014
- Conference on Syria, planned for January 2014 in Switzerland
- ◆ √ 50th Conference on Security, Munich, January 2014
  Address of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office before the UN Security Council,
  New York, and meeting with the Helsinki Commission of the US Congress,
  Washington, D.C., scheduled for March 2014
- ✓ Official visits planned in the regions of the South Caucasus and the Western Balkans (1st half of 2014)

- • ✓ Address of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office before the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Geneva, October 2014
- • ✓ Chairing the OSCE Ministerial Council, Basel, December 2014

## Strategic partnerships and global themes

- • ✓ State visit to Switzerland by the South Korean president, Ms Park Geun Hye, scheduled for the first half of 2014
- ✓ Participation at the World Economic Forum, Davos, with bilateral meetings, January 2014
- ✓ Official trip to Japan in celebration of the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Japan, planned for the first half of 2014
- ✓ Participation at the opening of the Olympic Games in Sochi, February 2014, and contacts within the scope of celebrating the 200th anniversary of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Russia
- ✓ Participation at the Nuclear Security Summit, the Hague, March 2014
- • ✓ High-level official delegation from Singapore to visit Switzerland, scheduled for spring 2014
- Participation at the opening of the FIFA World Cup, Brazil, June 2014<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Participation at the Climate Summit of Heads of State and Government, New York, September 2014
- ◆ Participation at the UN General Assembly, New York, September 2014
- ✓ Participation at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Milan, scheduled for autumn 2014
- ✓ Participation at the Summit of La Francophonie, Dakar, November 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For events and meetings arranged after December: cf. list <u>«Contacts internationaux et voyages».</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Participation by the President of the Swiss Confederation, Mr Didier Burkhalter, together with the Italian Finance Minister at Forum I-CH in January and visit to Rome to meet the new Italian Prime Minister, Mr M. Renzi, in July

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Participation by Federal Councillor, Mr Maurer, on behalf of the President of the Swiss Confederation, Mr Didier Burkhalter: Public viewing in Neuchâtel of Switzerland's opening match in the FIFA World Cup