



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may well know on 22 and 23 May 2006 Ukraine hosted a GUAM summit where a number of decisions, crucial for the development of the cooperation within its framework, have been adopted. Those documents have been already distributed under reference EF.DEL/59/06 so you could be more closely acquainted with their contents at first hand. In this regard, I wish also to draw the attention of the Forum to some of the summit outcomes relevant to the topic of our discussion and follow-up recommendations.

Institutional strengthening of the GUAM was one of the objectives of the Summit. To this end a GUAM Charter was signed transforming now existing community of states into a fully-fledged international organization titled "Organization for Democracy and Economic Development-GUAM", open for accession of other States which share its goals and principles. We believe that in view of the OSCE reform underway this creates all necessary conditions for further deepening and increasing efficiency of cooperation between GUAM and OSCE.

According to Article 1 of the GUAM Charter development of social, economic, transport, energy, scientific and human potential of the member-states remains one of the main priorities of the GUAM activities. Accordingly, implementation of the GUAM Trade Transport Facilitation Project as well as elaboration of new projects, to name a few, on energy transportation and diversification, development of the transit potential of the GUAM states, providing political and environmental security in the region, will be of an undisputable importance for this international organization.

Mr. Chairman,

Transformation of the GUAM has not been made for its own sake. It aims at sustainable development of the GUAM countries in all fields of social life and thus, at contributing to the security and cooperation in the OSCE area. We are aware that this requires concerted efforts of every party concerned and call on the OSCE, distinguished representatives of participating States and other international institutions to take advantage of the new opportunities in cooperation with the GUAM.

I thank You Mr. Chairman.