



**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

**Statement on the upcoming elections of the President of Ukraine**

As delivered by the Permanent Representative, Amb. Volodymyr Yel'chenko  
at the 775<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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Madame Chairperson,

As this Delegation informed the OSCE participating States at the previous meeting of the Permanent Council, the next elections of the President of Ukraine are scheduled for 17 January 2010. In this context and in full compliance with the relevant commitments and obligations assumed by my country within the framework of the OSCE, the Council of Europe and the United Nations, Ukraine invites the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to observe these elections. We would also like to inform you that the Government of Ukraine is now in the process of accomplishing necessary domestic procedures for extending this invitation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE participating States.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to once again reiterate Ukraine's consistent support of the ODIHR work in election observation and our readiness to continue constructive cooperation with the Office during the upcoming presidential elections in Ukraine. We also look forward to close cooperation on this matter with the current Greek as well as the incoming Kazakh OSCE Chairmanships.

I thank you, Madame Chairperson.