



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement on the Eastern Partnership Prague Summit

As for delivery by Mr Oleh Herasymenko, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine,
before the Permanent Council
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Mr Chairperson,

I would like to thank the Delegation of the Czech Republic for its statement on the results of the recent Prague Summit.

We are satisfied with the outcome of the Eastern Partnership Summit of 7 May 2009.

By participating in the Summit, Ukraine reaffirmed its political support for the Eastern Partnership as well as its readiness to use integration opportunities of the new initiative in order to facilitate the process of rapprochement with the EU.

The Eastern Partnership is indeed quite a promising initiative. Ukraine is ready to make every effort to make the Eastern Partnership a really efficient mechanism capable of assisting the partner countries in reaching their own goals as regards the European integration.

In this connection, we would like to emphasise that the Joint Declaration of the Summit provides for complementarity of the Eastern Partnership to existing bilateral relations as they remain the top priority for Ukraine.

Ukraine will support the Eastern Partnership and participate in its activities inasmuch as it meets our national interests and assists our integration into the EU.

In this respect Ukraine is, in particular, interested in such practical elements of the Eastern Partnership as:

- establishing Comprehensive Institution-Building (CIB) in Ukraine;
- establishing an Integrated Border Management Programme in Ukraine to ensure conformity of Ukraine's border management with the EU standards;
- intensifying cooperation and integration with the EU in the sphere of energy security;
- implementation of regional projects, modelled on the respective EU cohesion policy.

We are ready for a fruitful cooperation within the thematic platforms of the Eastern Partnership's multilateral dimension.

We would also like to reiterate the point underlined by the President of Ukraine in his speech during the Summit: Ukraine believes that opening a regional representation of the European Investment Bank in Ukraine will facilitate efficient implementation of the Eastern Partnership priorities. To this end we call upon the EIB to consider such a possibility.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the Czech EU Presidency for holding a successful Summit and for its tireless efforts in advancing this forward-looking initiative. We wish you and the subsequent EU Presidencies every success in this work and assure you of our unwavering support.

I thank you, Mr Chairperson.