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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine
on the Law on the Elections of People's Deputies of Ukraine**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk
to the Permanent Council, 15 December 2011

Mr. Chairperson,

On 8 December 2011 President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich signed and thus enacted the Law “On the Elections of People's Deputies of Ukraine”, adopted by the Parliament of Ukraine, Verkhovna Rada on 17 November 2011.

The Law represents a consolidated text developed jointly by all interested political parties. The draft has received an overwhelming support in the Parliament - 366 deputies (out of 450) approved it by their votes.

The Law corresponds to international democratic standards and Ukraine’s obligations. It was elaborated in close cooperation with experts of the ODIHR and the Venice Commission and takes into account their recommendations.

The President of Ukraine believes that the future participants of the electoral process have sufficient time to prepare effective electoral campaigns and that the forthcoming parliamentary elections to be held under this Law will be democratic and provide for free expression of will of the Ukrainian people.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.