



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement
in response to the reports by the Chairpersons of two Committees

As for delivery by Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk
to the 981th meeting of the Permanent Council,
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Dear Mr.Chair,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes to the Permanent Council the Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee Ambassador Ol'ga Algayerova and the Chair of the Human Dimension Committee Ambassador Robert Kvile and thanks them for their comprehensive presentations outlining the work program of the committees for 2014.

Last week the Chairman-in-Office, Minister Didier Burkhalter presented the priorities of the Swiss Chairmanship for 2014. We share the Swiss approach aimed at developing the security community for the benefit of everyone living in the OSCE region.

In this regard we welcome the close interrelationship between the work plan of the Swiss Chairmanship and the goal-oriented activities of the committees.

Ukraine remains committed to the constructive engagement throughout the year in each of the committees.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the re-appointment of the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE, Ambassador Ol'ga Algayerova as the Chair of the **Economic and Environmental Committee**.

We share the Chair's intention to continue the practice of holding the thematic meetings of the Committee. We support the proposed draft agenda for the EEC activities throughout 2014.

We welcome the inclusion among the topics for this year's discussions the follow-up activities to the latest Ministerial Council decisions adopted in Kyiv in the Second Dimension.

The Chair's proposal to hold a Joint meeting of the Economic and Environmental Committee and the Human Dimension Committee deserves particular attention, as it would allow to assess the impact of ongoing economic and financial challenges on protection and exercise of human rights.

We hope that this year's dialogue in the Second Dimension will also produce practical results that will have a positive impact on strengthening our cooperation in this area.

Mr. Chairman,

We congratulate Ambassador of Norway on his appointment as Chairperson of the **Human Dimension Committee** in 2014. We do believe that through his dedicated efforts and those of his team we will further succeed in enhancing the efficiency of the human dimension.

We share the substantive importance of human dimension in the OSCE's concept of comprehensive security. Adoption, for the first time in three years, of the decisions in the human dimension by the Ministerial Council in Kyiv serves as a good confidence-building measure that steers us to further build up our progress in this area.

Ukraine welcomes the Committee Chair's result-oriented approach and looks forward to constructive work on the program of the Norwegian Chairmanship of the Committee which reflects different priorities of participating States in a balanced way. We fully share your view that it is important to build the Organization's activities on the work of previous Chairmanships and to ensure the continuity of its achievements.

We note our support for the standing agenda of the Human Dimension Committee which allows for qualitative preparation of the Committee meetings and substantive discussions, as well as closer interaction with different relevant actors, especially OSCE institutions and other executive structures.

Ukraine stands ready to engage in constructive discussions with all participating States on the proposed topics for the human dimension events in 2014 and support the Chair's intention to reach an early adoption of the human dimension agenda with a view to safeguarding efficient work of the human dimension this year.

Mr. Chairman,

An overarching theme for the OSCE continues to be the Helsinki+40 process and we are confident that the expertise of the committees could significantly contribute to further developing the Helsinki process on the basis of the Dublin Ministerial Council Decision and the Kyiv Ministerial Declaration.

We encourage the Chairs of the Committees to closely interact with the Helsinki +40 Coordinators, appointed in the respective areas, as it would facilitate preparation of a solid ground for follow-up action on important issues of the Second and Third Dimensions.

In conclusion, I would like to wish the Chairs of the two committees every success in their activities.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.