



**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

**Statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine,  
Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine sincerely thanks the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship for warm hospitality and tireless efforts during the year dedicated to achieving concrete and forward-looking results at this Ministerial Council meeting.

We welcome the adoption of a number of decisions, which aim to provide important impetus to our cooperation, including in the political-military dimension, in addressing transnational threats and on some cross-dimensional issues.

We look forward to and encourage other participating States to work towards further progress in expanding the scope of CSBM's, enhancing military transparency, updating the OSCE framework for non-proliferation as well as finding negotiated solutions in area of conventional arms control.

The Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Economic and Environmental Committee thanks delegations for their constructive and positive approach, which allowed us to produce relevant deliverables for this Ministerial meeting.

Ukraine shares regret, that despite considerable efforts, we were unable to reach consensus on important draft decisions, related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular on the safety of journalists.

As an incoming member of the OSCE Troika and future OSCE Chairmanship, Ukraine stands ready to actively support the efforts of the Irish Chairmanship to take forward the focused work in all three dimensions. We believe that this goal should be pursued through open and constructive dialogue and cooperation, which is based on mutual trust and respect as well as on the strengthened sense of ownership and purpose.

Let me assure of Ukraine's commitment to work closely with all participating States in this spirit.

I kindly request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day. Thank you, Mr.Chairman.