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#### **EU AOB Statement on the reform process in Ukraine**

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The European Union thanks the delegation of Ukraine for bringing this issue to our attention. The European Union welcomes Ukraine's strong commitment to an ambitious reform process. We also welcome the first reform steps taken by Ukraine in key areas, notably constitutional reform, decentralisation, the fight against corruption, the reform of the justice sector, the restructuring of the energy sector and the improvement of the business climate. We underline that implementation of these reforms will be key and we encourage the government of Ukraine to keep up the momentum. The monitoring mechanism launched at the high level international conference on 28 April will help build public and international confidence.

The European Union remains committed to support Ukraine's ongoing reform efforts. We acknowledge the European aspirations of Ukraine and welcome its European choice, as stated in the Association Agreement.