



**Delegation of Ukraine
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine in response to
the President of the Republic of Lithuania
H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk
to the Permanent Council, 13 April 2011

Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Her Excellency Dalia Grybauskaitė to the OSCE Permanent Council. Taking this opportunity, allow me to extend Ukraine's full support to the Lithuanian Chairmanship.

Lithuania is leading the OSCE at a very crucial and important time for our Organization. As it was stressed by the President of Ukraine at the OSCE Astana Summit, increased efforts are needed to achieve a new quality of the OSCE activities. The Delegation of Ukraine is actively supporting the Lithuanian Chairmanship's efforts aimed at strengthening and modernizing the OSCE and CiO's determination to seek progress in strengthening implementation of OSCE commitments.

We attach particular importance to the fulfilment of the tasks given by the leaders of the OSCE participating States in Astana, in particular concerning the development of an Action Plan towards the realization of the vision of a comprehensive, cooperative and indivisible security community across the OSCE area. The reaffirmation of commitments in the Astana Commemorative Declaration is, in fact, an important starting point for our efforts to reach this goal.

As a future OSCE Chair Ukraine looks forward to working closely with the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship, future Irish Chairmanship and all our partners towards achieving tangible results on the follow-up of the Summit.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Her Excellency every success in her future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.