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**Delegation of Canada to the OSCE  
Response to the Address of the Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Ambassador James  
Schumaker  
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Canada joins others in welcoming Ambassador Schumaker back to the Permanent Council. We thank him for his detailed report and presentation today.

We note with satisfaction that the stated guiding principle of the Project Coordinator in Ukraine is to assist the country in fulfilling its OSCE Commitments. Our delegation has stated numerous times that this is the role of all OSCE Field Missions.

We are similarly pleased that the office is focussing the OSCE resources in areas where there will be no overlap with other actors and where the OSCE has demonstrable strengths.

Canada welcomes the balanced activities by the Project Coordinator's office in conducting projects in all three dimensions. We are pleased that the office in Ukraine engages all segments of society when implementing projects, including government, non-governmental organisations and academia.

Canada appreciates the progress made by the Project Coordinator in Ukraine in assisting the Government of Ukraine in rehabilitating the Novobohdanivka ammunition depot. We are looking forward to the completion of the clean up of this dangerous site.

We note the Project Coordinator in Ukraine's willingness to assist Ukraine in disposing of its mélange, and look forward to further progress on this initiative.

Canada further notes efforts to engage the entire country in building capacity to promote foreign investment and enhance environmental protection.

We have watched with great interest the political events occurring in Ukraine during the recent weeks.

We note with satisfaction that the Project Coordinator has placed a special emphasis on further strengthening the election processes in Ukraine through enhancing Ukraine's legal framework, strengthening civil society and improving media legislation.

As we noted during the Foreign Minister Yatsenyuk's visit to the Permanent Council last week, the Delegation of Canada favourably notes the good relations between the OSCE and the Government of Ukraine.

We are encouraged by this exceptional cooperation, which contributes greatly to the Project Coordinator's programming.

We thank the Project Coordinator and his dedicated team for their continued efforts.