



**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

**Statement**  
**in response to the address by the EU Special Representative for the South  
Caucasus, H.E. Peter Semneby**

As delivered by Permanent Representative Ihor Prokopchuk  
to the 850<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes the EU Special Representative for South Caucasus, H.E. Peter Semneby at today's meeting of the Permanent Council and thanks him for his informative address.

Excellency, Ukraine highly appreciates your efforts aimed at facilitating conflict resolution and promoting the consolidation of democracy and rule of law with respect to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Ukraine closely follows the situation in the South Caucasus region. We are confident that democracy, rule of law and stability are the prerequisites for prosperous development of the countries in the region and their common security.

Protracted and potential conflicts remain the greatest threat to security and stability and a serious challenge for the OSCE. At the recent Astana OSCE Summit President of Ukraine V.Yanukovych called for "search of mutually acceptable solutions to existing conflicts in the OSCE area, based on the norms and principles of international law, in particular, on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of States".

We strongly believe that our joint efforts in Astana on gaining momentum in conflict resolution should be further pursued. In this respect we deem it important to renew and reenergize the talks within respective negotiating formats.

While conflict resolution constitutes one of the core functions of the OSCE and recognizing important contribution from other international actors towards seeking lasting solutions to the conflicts, we see great value in maintaining constant dialogue to avoid duplications in activities and forge synergies for reaching common goals of peace and stability.

In conclusion, I would like to express our gratitude to H.E. Peter Semneby for addressing the Permanent Council and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.