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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
in connection with the International Day of Commemoration  
to honour Holocaust victims**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk  
to the Permanent Council, 27 January 2011

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that in connection with the Annual Holocaust Memorial Day, marked today, the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich addressed the people of Ukraine.

He underlined that the commemoration of victims of Holocaust reminds us that we have to do everything possible to prevent anti-Semitism, xenophobia, racism and intolerance. He also called upon all people of good will to be tolerant, understanding and respectful to each other.

In his address the Head of the Ukrainian State noted that in autumn 2011 Ukraine will commemorate at the state level the sorrowful date of the 70-th anniversary of the Baby Yar massacre.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, for his part, stressed that by studying history and lessons learned from Holocaust we prevent re-occurrence of such tragedies in the future, promote strengthening of mutual respect in relations between nations in the name of peaceful and progressive development of International community.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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