



**Delegation of
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine
in response to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
Ms. Dunja Mijatović**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk
to the Permanent Council, 23 June 2011

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Ms. Dunja Mijatović back to the Permanent Council and thanks her for the comprehensive report.

The mandate of the OSCE Representative plays a crucial role in ensuring media freedom throughout the OSCE area. Ukraine strongly supports the activities carried out by the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media in assisting all participating States in implementing their OSCE commitments.

Ukraine welcomes outcomes of the recent Vilnius Conference on Safety of Journalists. We share the view of the OSCE Representative that the Recommendations that resulted from the discussions should remind the participating States about the importance and urgent need to ensure a safe working environment for the media.

We appreciate the work of the Office of Ms. Dunja Mijatović in launching an OSCE-wide study of internet regulation and look forward to the release of the final report. We also look forward to a comprehensive dialogue on promotion of pluralism in the new media at the upcoming Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting.

We appreciate the positive remarks made by the Representative about the new legislation in Ukraine on access to public information and cancellation of the requirement for accreditation of journalists in most of the cases. We are ready to share our good practices with interested partners.

As we have stated on many previous occasions, Ukraine greatly appreciates Ms. Mijatović's activities, her balanced and impartial attitude to the issues that she tackles. We call on all OSCE participating States to provide the Representative and her Office with all necessary support and resources. We invite all delegations to look closely into possibilities to reinforce the Office of the Representative, including during the discussion of the OSCE Unified Budget for 2012.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.