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**Delegation of Ukraine  
to the OSCE**

**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, 17 March 2011

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Ms. Dunja Mijatovic back to the Permanent Council and thanks her for the regular report after one year of her term-in-office.

Ukraine attaches great importance to activities carried out by the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media in assisting participating States in implementing their OSCE commitments.

We welcome that the issue of freedom of the media is among the priorities of the Lithuanian Chairmanship in the human dimension. We view as important the Chairmanship's highlight on safety of journalists and are looking forward to the international conference dedicated to this issue to be held early June in Vilnius. We are also pleased that one of the Supplementary Human Dimension meetings this year will look at promotion of pluralism in the new media. The results of discussions on media issues throughout the year might ultimately lead us to a substantive MC decision.

Freedom of the media remains high on Ukraine's political agenda. As it is mentioned in the report, in the beginning of February the President of Ukraine signed Laws "On Access to Public Information" and "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine On Information", which testify to political and societal consensus towards strengthening freedom of speech and access to information in our country.

In January this year the President of Ukraine presided over the first meeting of the newly established Commission for Strengthening Democracy and Rule of Law. Following this meeting the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine as well as the State Committee for television and radio broadcasting were tasked to facilitate adoption of the draft law "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine On the System of Public Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine" as well as "On Amendments to some Laws of Ukraine on transparency of media ownership" and draft law "On reforming the state and municipal print media".

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our consistent support to the mandate of the RFoM and readiness to further continue our joint work with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Ms. Dunja Mijatovic and all the participating States on the media-related issues in an open and constructive spirit.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.