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### **Statement on Energy Security Dialogue in the OSCE**

As for delivery by Ambassador Yel'chenko at the 646<sup>th</sup> Permanent Council, 18 January 2007

Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first statement of Ukraine at this year's Permanent Council meetings, allow me to sincerely wish you a successful work during 2007 for the best of our Organization. Let me reassure you that in this delegation you will find a reliable and constructive partner for your initiatives and endeavors even though this new PC sitting arrangement has increased the distance between us and the Chair.

Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine aligned itself with the statement made by the European Union. We also expressed some thoughts regarding energy security within the framework of the GUAM statement in response to the distinguished Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany H. E. Mr. Frank Walter Steinmeier. Given the extreme importance of this issue for Ukraine and its direct impact on my country, allow me to add a few remarks in my national capacity.

Energy security continues to remain one of the key elements in the structure of contemporary global security and the OSCE can add value to its ensuring. After a year of concerted and persistent efforts, prominently led by the Belgian Chairmanship, we note with appreciation the increasing support of this argument among OSCE participating States.

Ukraine welcomes the outcome of this process, namely the adoption of the Ministerial Decision on Energy Security Dialogue supplementing the 2003 Maastricht Strategy commitments. With such a comprehensive framework, the OSCE is facing now a challenge of proving its ability to convert words into deeds. The Government of Ukraine believes that our Organization is capable of doing this.

In this regard, I would like to reiterate some fundamental elements of Ukraine's position regarding it. In our view, the dialogue should:

- provide continuous consideration of energy security issues in the OSCE;
- strengthen cooperation among energy producing, transit and consuming countries;
- raise awareness of energy security issues, foremost of relevant challenges, and enhance cooperation in this field;
- support strengthening of the energy security, with due regard to environment and interests of all stakeholders.

With this in mind, our delegation indicates its strong intention to take active steps towards practical implementation of the OSCE commitments related to energy security, both at political and expert level. We call the Spanish Chairmanship, other delegations to do the same, and the OSCE structures – to effectively fulfill tasks entrusted to them in this field. In our view, this will be the best possible demonstration of a strong commitment of participating States to react promptly to relevant security challenges in the OSCE region.

I thank you.