



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement
on Presidential Elections in Ukraine on 17 January 2010

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yel'chenko
at the 791st meeting of the Permanent Council,
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Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine would like to thank the delegation of the US who expressed overwhelmingly positive view on the presidential campaign and the conduct of the elections of the President of Ukraine, which were held on 17 January 2010.

We are pleased to note that, according to the Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions of the International Election Observation Mission (circulated as ODIHR.GAL/3/10 on 18 January 2010), “the first round of the 17 January presidential election in Ukraine was of high quality and showed significant progress over previous elections. The election met most OSCE and Council of Europe commitments. Civil and political rights were respected, including freedom of assembly, association and expression. Election day was conducted in an efficient and orderly manner”.

Ukraine expresses gratitude to the OSCE, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and its President Mr. Joao Soares, who serves as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observers, and other international institutions that were involved in the observation process, as well as to the OSCE participating States which have sent their representatives to observe the elections in Ukraine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will keep providing the international observers with the necessary support during the second round of the presidential elections in Ukraine and, within its competence, will continue to take all measures to create necessary conditions for the free exercise of the right to vote by the Ukrainian citizens abroad.

I thank you.