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Statement on the Meeting in Vinnytsia

As for delivery by Ambassador V.Yel'chenko
to the Permanent Council, May 19, 2005

Mr. Chairman,

First of all let me express our gratitude to the Slovenian Chairmanship for informing the Permanent Council on the results of the consultations of the mediators from the Russian Federation, the OSCE and Ukraine and political representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Transnistria which were held upon the proposal of Ukraine in Vinnytsia on May 16-17.

The Ukrainian side considers the outcomes of the consultations of great importance which give new dynamics to the process of the settlement of the Transnistrian problem, *inter alia*, in terms of gradual resuming of the political dialogue between the parties.

We appreciate support and welcome positive signals from the participants of the event with regard to their readiness to further work on the project "To Settlement via Democracy" and the Plan of the settlement of the Transnistrian problem presented by Ukraine. The Ukrainian side is looking forward for intensive consultations with all interested parties in order to provide necessary conditions to start the implementation of the initiatives, as soon as possible.

I would also like to reiterate our position that the more active engagement of the EU and the USA would contribute to the process of the Transnistrian problem resolution and will be welcomed by Ukraine.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me once again emphasize that my country will remain determined to spare no effort in order to accelerate the process of the Transnistrian conflict settlement as it has been declared by the President and the Government of Ukraine.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.