



**Delegation of
Ukraine to the
OSCE**

**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine in response to the report
of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media**

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko
to the Permanent Council, 3 July 2008

Mr Chairman,

The Delegation of Ukraine joins others in warmly welcoming the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Miklos Haraszti back to the Permanent Council and thanking him for an update of his important activities.

We consistently support the role played by the OSCE Representative in assisting the participating States in the implementation of their commitments to the universal democratic values, which include the protection of free expression and media pluralism.

Ukraine welcomes the proactive, balanced and forward-looking approach of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media in addressing outstanding issues in the media governance across the OSCE area, which is well illustrated in the report. We particularly note that this approach involves dialogue, exchange of best practices and project activities. In this context, we welcome the recent publication of the Media Self-Regulation Guidebook, continued legal reviews and welcome the training activities carried out by the OSCE Representative in OSCE participating States, including in my own country.

We are pleased that Mr. Haraszti's report confirms that Ukraine maintains constructive dialogue with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media in the process of media reform in my country. We look forward to continuing our cooperation in the same productive spirit and wish Mr. Haraszti every success in fulfilling his important mandate.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.