



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement by Ukraine
concerning the adoption of the Permanent Council decision
on the appointment of the External Auditor

As delivered by Ambassador Volodymyr Yel'chenko,
Permanent Representative of Ukraine, to the Permanent Council
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Madam Chairperson,

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine, allow me to express our sincere appreciation to the delegations of the OSCE participating States for endorsing the appointment of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine as OSCE External Auditor. Let me also thank personally OSCE Secretary-General Ambassador de Brichambaut and his staff for their highly professional involvement in the process. Indeed, this appointment is yet another important step in the development of cooperation between my country and the OSCE.

On behalf of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine itself, I should like to convey to the delegations its firm commitment to base the eventual work as OSCE External Auditor on such core principles as objectivity, coordination with relevant OSCE structures and continuity of the highly professional and efficient work, performed by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway over the past three years. In this context, I would like to emphasize that the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine is also looking forward to provide external audit services to the OSCE for a three-year period, as foreseen by Article VIII of the OSCE Financial Regulations and as it has been the practice with the Chamber's distinguished predecessors.

I request that this statement be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.