

DECLARATION
on the basic principles
for the relations
between Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway

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reaffirming their commitment to the universally recognised principles of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter for a new Europe and other basic documents of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and to the norms and principles of the Council of Europe,

reaffirming their commitment to the principles of sovereign equality, peaceful settlement of disputes and non-use of force, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders,

noting with satisfaction the positive development of their bilateral relations, and determined to strengthen and deepen the relations on the basis of equality, mutual confidence and respect and mutually beneficial cooperation,

declare:

Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway will cooperate bilaterally and in international fora in order to contribute to the building of a comprehensive European security architecture, to the strengthening of stability and the development of broad cooperation throughout the Continent.

The Parties agree that the role and effectiveness of the United Nations Organisation in maintaining international peace and stability and settling other international issues should be strengthened, and are prepared to enhance their cooperation within the framework of that universal forum.

The Parties will contribute to promoting cooperation and mutual understanding in Europe and will cooperate within the framework of the OSCE and the Council of Europe, paying special attention to the prevention of conflicts and the observance of human rights and the rights of national minorities.

The Parties agree on the necessity of strengthening the climate of confidence and security in Europe and preventing the emergence of new dividing lines on the Continent, and attach great importance to the cooperation within the framework of NATO's program "Partnership for Peace", which contributes to the strengthening of peace, stability and security in Europe.

The Parties support international cooperation in the field of combating organised crime, terrorism, illicit traffic in drugs and psychotropic substances, corruption, illegal migration, illegal financial transactions, smuggling, illegal trade in arms, ammunition and nuclear materials as well as unlawful export of historical and cultural values.

The Parties attach great importance to the cooperation in the field of environmental protection. They agree on the necessity of universal adherence to the principles contained in the International Convention on Nuclear Safety. They emphasise the need to mobilise financial resources from domestic sources and the international community to support the implementation of the decision of Ukraine to cease the operation of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. They underline the importance of increased

international cooperation on issues related to the environmentally safe management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste.

The Parties recognise that the responsibility for nuclear safety lies with the operating state and that an improved safety regime i.a. includes an essential role for a strong and independent nuclear safety regulator and an effective regime for liability for nuclear damage corresponding to accepted international standards.

Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway will continue to develop and deepen their contacts, including at the political level, and strengthen their dialogue on bilateral and international issues.

The Parties acknowledge the importance of the implementation by Ukraine of a comprehensive program of economic reforms for the development of a mutually beneficial economic cooperation. They welcome the involvement of Norwegian institutions and commercial structures in the development of the Ukrainian economy.

The Parties will encourage various forms of trade, paying special attention to the importance of medium and small-scale enterprises for economic development and they will look into ways of improving the framework conditions that apply to their mutual economic relations.

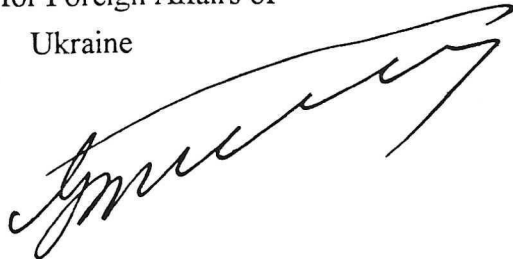
The Parties recognise the importance of ongoing negotiations regarding the accession of Ukraine to WTO. Norway is supportive of the Ukrainian desire to accede to the WTO and is prepared to contribute to an advanced progress of those negotiations.

The Parties will develop their cooperation by encouraging the exchange of information in the military field, including on participation in peace-keeping operations and other matters, and by supporting contacts on other issues of mutual interest.

The Parties will encourage the dissemination of information on national achievements in the fields of culture, science and education and will intensify exchanges in the field of culture and information, as well as the development of people-to-people contacts between Ukraine and Norway.

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