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“OSCE assistance in meeting recent and new security threats in Ukraine; support for enhancing chemical safety and security”

1. I wish to thank the Polish hosts for inviting the OSCE for this important conference and for an active leadership in the global efforts to enhance chemical safety and security.
2. From the policy perspective the OSCE is fundamentally important as part of the underlying framework for peaceful relations between European states. The OSCE provides a continuously expanding bulwark, offering Ukraine partners from government and civil society with a range of programs to enhance democracy, develop society and promote social and economic development. For last 15 years of its presence the OSCE Project Coordination Unit (OSCE PCU) has supported Ukraine society through international efforts to implement all the OSCE values and principles.
3. The OSCE is devoted to prevent conflicts from arising, focusing on security-related economic issues and fosters international economic co-operation, with its expertise in conflict prevention, crisis management and early warning, recognizing the close connection between environmental issues and security. Therefore the OSCE is well-placed to serve as a meeting ground for governments and industry to discuss and enhance chemical safety and security.
4. The OSCE engagement in the strengthening security in chemical activities is an important task in preventing the hostile use of chemicals what is an important requirement of the UNSC Resolution 1540.
5. As Head of the OSCE Project Coordination Unit in Kyiv I am in permanent contact with all the relevant Ukrainian stakeholders from government, regional and local authorities, industry and civil society. We are concerned, with our Ukrainian partners, that the unstable security situation in Ukraine increases especially threats of misuse of toxic chemicals and attacks against critical infrastructure and

chemical plants, transportation of dangerous goods and energy carriers. They are concerned that the continued threat of unauthorized use of toxic chemicals or attacks against chemical installations pose a serious challenge to security, economy, health and environment in Ukraine.

6. Working in close cooperation with the with the Ukrainian stakeholders, including local administration, chemical plants, academia and civil society both in Ukraine, including the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU), and with an active assistance of the international stakeholders, especially the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) in Poland, the OSCE has developed an Integrated Program on Chemical Safety and Security Program and Addressing Other CBRN Risks in Ukraine.

7. The integrated program was inaugurated at the national round-table on the capabilities in the domain of chemical safety and security in Ukraine and the development of an Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine, including Promotion of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) on 11-12 December, 2014, in Kyiv. The round-table was a unique event. It brought together multi-stakeholder audience from Ukraine and international partners, and endorsed a set of concrete recommendations. In a follow up meeting, Vienna Meeting of the leading stakeholders and international partners of the integrated program, organized by the OSCE, with support of the UNODA, on 24-26 February 2015, the national participants have agreed on a road map for the ICSSP implementation.

8. At the meeting of the G7 Global Partnership in Munich in end April 2015 I had a pleasure to introduce the integrated program which was very well received. There were 3 projects introduced during the Munich meeting and financial support from donors was requested. A Comprehensive Review of Chemical Safety and Security in Ukraine, developed by the Ukraine and international partners, shall initiate the implementation of the integrated program. The integrated program will be accompanied by introducing specific projects to enhance chemical safety and security in the movement of chemicals, and to improve chemical safety and security at the local level, including at Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) which were developed by the the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security.

9. The program's main beneficiary is intended to be Ukrainian society, which – by improving chemical safety and security – would be better prepared to function and deal with chemicals, to meet threats and challenges of chemical incidents and misuse of chemicals, and receive rapid and coordinated assistance from the relevant national Ukrainian entities and international organizations. At the same time, increased information-sharing and preparedness will enable all the Ukrainian stakeholders to better respond to chemical incidents and misuse of chemicals.

10. The integrated program is a potentially comprehensive program in security, economic and environmental areas much more extensive than the recent PCU projects, because of a broad scope /different areas of potential activities/, multi-stakeholder audiences in Ukraine /government, industry, civil society/, need to engage competent international partners and expertise, including from private sector /public-private partnership/. The integrated program core objective includes support to meet the immediate security threats. It also contains assistance on security-related economic issues and fosters international economic co-operation and protection of environment. An important feature of the ICCSP is that the OSCE serves as umbrella organization for the other international partners, both governmental and NGO's, in its implementation.

11. The integrated program would have a positive spill over effect and instigate a broader discussion on a wider array of CBRN risks in a changing Ukraine's security environment and long term security and economic development determination. Thus, it may serve as a catalyst and useful driver tool for developing a comprehensive response to other CBRN risks.

12. The integrated program has a great potential to be replicated in the other countries of the Eastern Partnership to bring their regulations and provisions on critical infrastructure and regulatory systems for

chemical safety and security in peaceful uses of chemistry and transportation of toxic chemicals to the European standards.

13. Since there are no financial resources available for the development of the chemical safety and security programs in Ukraine, the program shall be supported through voluntary contributions. I invite the donors and the international organizations to provide financial resources and relevant expertise to implement the integrated program.

14. I propose the outcomes of the second Warsaw Conference should contain a strong support for the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine.

15. The leading partners in the Program are the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU), the relevant Ukraine government institutions, and the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security in Poland (ICCSS), as the international coordinator of the integrated program.

16. I wish to express the OSCE gratitude for the Government of Poland, especially Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the continued support in the development of the integrated program. The representatives of the Polish Government participated in all the meetings which initiated and developed the integrated program. I wish to thank Mr. Marcin Kawalowski from Ministry of Foreign Affairs for providing a continued support and valuable guidance in the program development. I wish to thank Amb. Krzysztof Paturej, head of the ICCSS, who actively participated in the development of the integrated program. Amb. Paturej chaired, at the invitation of the OSCE and the Ukraine partners, the national round table which inaugurated the integrated program. Amb. Paturej also chaired the Vienna meeting of the Ukraine and international stakeholders which approved the road map for the integrated program implementation. We also support the active role of the ICCSS as the international coordinator of the integrated program which maintains international contacts for the program development.

17. The integrated program should be broadly promoted at the international agenda to receive financial support, assistance in-kind and relevant expertise, from the governments, international organizations, banking institutions, chemical industries, local authorities and civil society.

18. An important milestone in the implementation of the integrated program is the Ukraine Forum on Chemical Safety and Security to be organized at the global summit on chemical safety and security in Kielce on 16-18 November, 2015. The Forum should bring the Ukrainian and international partners, introduce the integrated program to the world community, and provide a venue for exchanges and trainings. The OSCE will support the preparation and conduct of the integrated program.

19. The OSCE has engaged itself in seeking the financial support for the Comprehensive Review of Chemical Safety and Security in Ukraine and supports the development and implementation of the 2 specific projects to enhance chemical safety and security in the movement of chemicals, and to improve chemical safety and security at the local level.

20. The OSCE will continue to provide a policy umbrella in the development and implementation of the integrated program.