

**Statement by the
VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE**

**“On implementation of European integration aspirations of Ukraine
and conclusion of the Association Agreement
between Ukraine and the European Union”**

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

bearing in mind that the European perspective of Ukraine should become a uniting factor around which consolidates the overwhelming majority of political forces;

having regard to importance of activity of the Mission of plenipotentiary representatives of the European Parliament A.Kwaśniewski and P.Cox;

looking forward to positive results of the next Ukraine – European Union Summit scheduled for 25 February 2013 and the Eastern Partnership Summit scheduled for 28-29 November 2013;

Declares that within its powers it will:

provide for implementation of recommendations regarding signature of Ukraine – EU Association Agreement, set forth in the Resolutions of the European Parliament and Conclusions of EU Council, adopted on 10 December 2012 at the meeting of EU Foreign Affairs Ministers;

facilitate full implementation of measures agreed with the European Union, in particular, within Ukraine – EU Association Agenda and Plan on Liberalisation by the European Union of the visa regime for Ukraine and ensure ratification of amendments to Ukraine – EU Agreement on facilitation of issuance of visas;

intensify activity on adoption of laws, aimed at approximation of Ukrainian legislation to the legislation of the European Union, in particular those foreseen in respective State Programme on Approximation of the Legislation of Ukraine to the Legislation of the European Union, adopted by the Law of Ukraine # 1629-IV dated 18 March 2004 as well as those related to the area of reform of judicial system, system of criminal justice and electoral legislation taking into account recommendations of the final report of OSCE/ODIHR Election Monitoring Mission and conclusions of the Venice Commission;

**The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine calls upon the European Union and its
Member States:**

as soon as Ukrainian Side demonstrates determined action and tangible progress in three areas, identified in EU Council Conclusions and fulfills necessary

internal procedures, ensure immediate signature of Ukraine – EU Association Agreement, providing for possibility of provisional, before finalization of its ratification by EU Member States, application of its provisions, in particular on establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area;

ensure steady and full implementation of Ukraine – EU Agreement on facilitation of issuance of visas with a view to exercising the right of the citizens of Ukraine to free movement at the territory of the European Union, without humiliation of their honour and dignity, adoption of the decision on moving to the final implementation phase of the Action Plan on Liberalisation by the European Union of the visa regime for Ukraine as well as introduction of a visa free regime for the citizens of Ukraine as soon as the necessary conditions are fulfilled;

provide adequate expert and financial support to Ukraine in the process of preparation to implementation of the Association Agreement, first of all with a view to adapting the state economy and regulatory environment to functioning in the conditions of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area.

Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

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