



**DELEGATION TO THE EU-UKRAINE
PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT

**by Mr Paweł KOWAL, Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation
to the EU - Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee**

on the 16th EU-Ukraine Summit

Brussels, 25 February 2013. I would like to hereby express my satisfaction about today's long-awaited 16th EU-Ukraine Summit, during which both sides confirmed their commitment to sign the Association Agreement - as soon as Ukraine has taken the necessary steps to ensure tangible progress in three areas emphasised at the 2011 EU-Ukraine Summit and again set out in the conclusions of the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 10 December 2012.

The conclusions of the Summit confirm once again that the European choice of Ukraine can become a reality and Ukraine may soon be anchored to the European Union. However, this must be preceded by an adequate effort from the Ukrainian side to fulfil their obligations.

The European Parliament has emphasised on many occasions the need for the European Union to support Ukraine's European choice. The Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius in November of this year is a realistic date for the signature of the Association Agreement. However, should this opportunity be missed, it might not come up again in the next few years.

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