



DELEGATION TO THE EU-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT

in connection with charges against former President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko

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On June 10, the press service of the Prosecutor General's Office informed that Ukraine's former President Petro Poroshenko was charged by the State Investigation Bureau with abuse of office.

The European Parliament has advocated for Ukraine's European perspective on numerous occasions, including in resolutions. This house considers Ukraine as a part of our European family, not merely due to geopolitical reasons but also because our societies share the same values. Through our Association Agreement, we are committed to a close and lasting relationship that is based on respect for democratic principles, the rule of law, good governance, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Among our common standards are the idea of equality of all citizens before the law, the presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial. Legal proceedings should only be based on facts and must not be used as means of political infighting.

The case of former President Poroshenko will be closely followed in this house and we trust Ukraine's current administration will hold itself to highest standards of the rule of law and justice.

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