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Interactive dialogue with the UN High Commissioner for Human
Rights on his oral update on Ukraine

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Statement by Special Adviser of the Council of Europe Secretary General for Ukraine
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Thank you, Mr High Commissioner, for the Report and the very pertinent information therein.

Ukraine, as a fully-fledged member state of the Council of Europe is cooperating in a daily basis with our Organization in order to overcome this difficult time and to achieve tangible result for its reform process.

These combined efforts are reflected in the Action Plan of the Council of Europe for Ukraine and done in line with the political frame decided by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers – I wish to draw your attention to the recent decision of 3 May 2017 - and the Parliamentary Assembly and also in line with the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

The Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine is financed by our donors, our member States and the European Union.

On 12 June, the Steering Committee meeting on this Action Plan took place in Kyiv. The event gave the opportunity not only to assess the positive results achieved through our joint partnership, but also to exchange views on the priorities of the Council of Europe-Ukrainian cooperation for the period 2018-2021. The implementation of the constitutional and justice reform, the fight against corruption, decentralisation, enhancing of the public administration capacity at central and local levels, respect of all human rights including freedom of expression, of the media and of journalists, as well as social rights and the protection of vulnerable groups in Ukraine, IDPs, the fight against violence against woman will remain as priorities of the CoE-Ukraine's cooperation.

We are ready to continue our partnership with the UN, EU and other international allies aiming at solid and effective implementation of the reforms, with a view to improve the daily life of the Ukrainian population and ensure full respect of the Council of Europe three pillars: democracy, rule of law and human rights in the country.