

## **Official position of Ukraine**

### **Ukrainian Journalist Maria Varfolomeyeva held for over a year in eastern Ukraine**

According to the official information of the Investigation Section of Starobilsk Police Branch of the National Police Directorate General in Luhansk region, a pre-trial investigation of the illegal imprisonment of journalist Maria Varfolomeeva is underway. The criminal proceeding was instituted on 3 February 2015 based on article 146, par 2, of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Government condemns illegal detention of a Ukrainian journalist by illegal armed groups and calls on to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice.