

<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT DECLARATION BY THE POLISH AND UKRAINIAN DELEGATIONS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONGRESS</p>

Meeting in Warsaw (Poland) on 16 September 2015 to exchange political views, the Ukrainian and Polish delegations to the Congress declared that they:

- “sharing the values of the proper working of local democracy and the necessary decentralisation of powers;
- developing their co-operation in order to improve the situation of local and regional democracy in their respective countries, drawing inspiration from their own good practices”.

Furthermore, based on the two countries’ shared history, the delegations declared their mutual solidarity and support for the sound management of their territories based on the European Charter of Local Self-Government and good practices in decentralisation, with due respect for the States’ territorial integrity and sovereignty.