



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council,
Vienna, 6 March 2014

Mr Chairman, I have made clear my government's view on the current crisis in Ukraine. Today I want to concentrate on practical steps.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman,

First, Norway supports sending to Ukraine a monitoring mission. We are prepared to contribute to such a mission both financially and with personnel, as appropriate.

Second, Norway supports the establishing an ODIHR/HCNM Human Rights Assessment Mission to Ukraine. We understand that Canada, and possible others, are prepared to contribute substantially towards covering the costs of this mission. So are we. It is my understanding that ODIHR and HCNM now can take it for granted that the mission is fully financed.

Third, we are pleased to see that preparations are under way for a robust election observation mission in May. My capital has indicated that we will be able to send up to 6 long term observers and up to 30 short term observers to that mission.

Fourth, Norway is pleased to see that a Vienna Document Chapter III Risk reduction mission is already in Ukraine. My government has contributed personnel to this mission.

Fifth, and finally, we encourage the Secretariat, the institutions as well as the OSCE Project Coordination Unit in Kyiv to continue working out projects aimed at de-escalating the situation in Ukraine and at creating a firm basis for a stable and democratic Ukraine. To help coordinate efforts we would recommend that a living document of projects that are ready for funding or soon will be ready for funding be worked out.

Thank you.