



Permanent Council of 3 May 2012

Situation in Ukraine

Chairperson,

I am taking the floor on behalf of Liechtenstein, Norway, Canada and Switzerland.

First of all let me emphasize that we strongly condemn the bombing in Dnipropetrovsk. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families. We welcome the efforts to bring those responsible for this heinous act to justice swiftly.

With regards to the case of Yulia Timoshenko, we are concerned by the recent developments : the allegations of ill treatment in prison, the lack of medical attention, problems of her meeting her lawyers in private and now Ms. Timoshenko's hunger strike. We are also troubled by the cases of some of Ms. Timoshenko's former political associates.

We call upon Ukraine to fully implement its OSCE commitments, including regarding the rights of prisoners to receive adequate medical treatment and to have access to their lawyers without restriction. These commitments pertain to all participating states. We expect the incoming chairmanship to assure its full dedication to OSCE values and principles.

Thank you, Chairperson.