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Subject : EU-Ukraine Association Agenda to prepare and facilitate the implementation of
the Association Agreement

Parties will find attached an updated version of the EU-Ukraine Association Agenda to prepare and facilitate the implementation of the Association Agreement.

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I. Strategic part

II. Principles and instruments for the implementation of the Association Agenda

III. Operational part

1. Priorities for Action

The Joint Committee at senior officials level will define priorities for action and provide guidance for the implementation of the Association Agenda in line with the provisions set up in section III. 9 below.

2. Political Dialogue

2.1 *Democracy, rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Parties agree to maintain dialogue and to cooperate to strengthen respect for democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance, human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities as enshrined in the core UN and Council of Europe Conventions and related protocols. Such dialogue and cooperation shall cover the following areas:

(i) Strengthen the stability, independence and effectiveness of institutions guaranteeing democracy and the rule of law and in particular:

- promoting and ensuring an inclusive and transparent constitutional reform process designed to further develop a constitutional system of effective checks and balances between state institutions, in the light of the relevant recommendations of the Venice Commission;
- strengthening of the functioning of local and regional self-government, including by reference to relevant standards contained in the European Charter on Local Self-Government;

- exchange best practices on the renewal and preservation of natural resources in order to ensure efficient, sustainable and high quality agricultural production;
- exchange best practices on the sustainable agricultural production of renewable energy resources and their use, including in agriculture;
- studying EU experience on transition towards providing direct support to agricultural producers;
- improving the competitiveness of agricultural production, including by cooperation on the implementation of quality schemes.

Fisheries and maritime policy

- reinforce cooperation and work together towards sustainable fisheries in the Black Sea, both in bilateral and multilateral frameworks on the basis of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management;
- increase scientific and technical co-operation with a view to ensure the capacity of monitoring fisheries and evaluating the state of the stocks of marine resources and of marine environment;
- ensure the exchange of best practices on the integrated approach to maritime affairs, especially look into the possibility of establishment of a respective contact point in Ukraine and identify mutually beneficial areas of common interest for future Black Sea cooperation in the context of EU Integrated Maritime Policy.

Science, technology and innovations

- cooperate in the area of innovation;
- intensify the performance of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between Ukraine and the EU in order to enhance the participation of Ukrainian research entities in the projects of European programmes.

Space

The Parties will continue a regular dialogue on the issues covered by the Chapter on space of the envisaged Association Agreement.