



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court and has the honor to inform about the following.

On 22 February 2014 the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (the Parliament) adopted the Resolution "On the Self-withdrawal of the President of Ukraine from Performing his Constitutional Duties and Setting Early Elections of the President of Ukraine" stating that Mr. Viktor Yanukovich withdrew himself from performing his constitutional functions which threatened the State's control, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, protection of human rights and freedoms.

Given the above mentioned, the Parliament also adopted the Resolution "On authorizing the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to Exercise the Duties of the President of Ukraine in Accordance with Article 112 of the Constitution of Ukraine" hence laying the duties of the Acting President of Ukraine upon Mr. Oleksandr Turchynov. Notwithstanding the limited and temporary nature of powers, the Acting President of Ukraine on the grounds of Article 106 of the Constitution of Ukraine represents the State in international relations, administers the foreign political activity of the State, conducts negotiations and concludes international treaties of Ukraine.

On 25 February 2014 the Parliament adopted the Declaration on Recognition of the Jurisdiction of the ICC.

Mr. O. Turchynov has signed this Declaration acting

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as the Chairman of the Parliament of Ukraine. On the grounds of the national legislation of Ukraine and the customary norms and principles of international law, Mr. Turchynov acts *ex officio* as Head of State.

Finally, pursuant to internal procedures, the Embassy of Ukraine to the Kingdom of the Netherlands conveyed the Declaration on Recognition of the Jurisdiction of the Court in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute.

Ukrainian side expresses its expectation that the Court shall duly study the case referred to in the Declaration.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Court the assurances of its highest consideration.



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