

Joint statement of the Council and the Commission on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement¹

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"The Council and the Commission

1. Welcome the ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, which constitutes a single instrument, by the Ukrainian Parliament and the consent given by the European Parliament on 16 September 2014, and look forward to a swift completion of the ratification by all Member States.
2. Refer to the Joint Ministerial Statement of 12 September on the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement/DCFTA, and underline the importance for all parties to strictly abide by their commitments therein. This statement is part and parcel of a comprehensive peace process in Ukraine, respecting Ukraine's territorial integrity and the right of Ukraine to decide on its destiny.
3. Recall that the Association Agreement is a bilateral agreement and any adaptations to it can only be made at the request of one of the parties and with the agreement of the other, according to the mechanisms foreseen in the text and in compliance with international law and with the respective internal procedures of the parties.
4. Encourage Ukraine, following the start of provisional application of the relevant provisions of Titles I-III and V-VII, to continue the process of envisaged reforms and economic modernisation, in accordance with its international commitments and with EU support and monitoring.
5. Reaffirm the importance of adequate preparation for the implementation of Title IV of the Association Agreement, in line with the timeframe specified in the Council Decision, and taking into account Ukraine's international commitments."

¹Joint statement of the Council and the Commission in respect of the Council decision amending decision 2014/668/EU on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards Title III (with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party) and Titles IV, V, VI and VII thereof, as well as the related annexes and protocols