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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and, referring to its Note No. 4132/28-24-432 of 24 March 2006 informing about the decision of the Government of Ukraine to present its candidature to the Human Rights Council at the elections to be held during the meeting of the UN General Assembly on 9 May 2006, has the honour to communicate the following.

Ukraine has always attached great importance to the UN activities on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Our country pays special attention to the issues of combating human trafficking, elimination of all forms of violence against women, protection of the rights of child, of persons belonging to national, religious, linguistic or ethnic minorities, prevention of shameful practices of torture, racism, racial discrimination and any forms of religious intolerance.

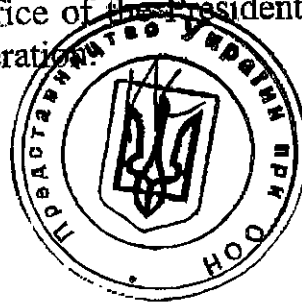
The rule of law, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms which had always represented important values for our country, were further strengthened in Ukraine's practice as internal and foreign policy after the Orange Revolution. The parliamentary elections held on 26 March 2006 became yet another strong evidence of Ukraine's dedication to the internationally recognized norms and principles of democracy and the rule of law.

Ukraine strongly supported the initiative of the Secretary-General regarding the establishment of the Human Rights Council, and if elected, it will make every effort to ensure that the Council is able to fulfill the mandate responsibly and effectively through dialogue and cooperation.

The Council is mandated to examine the human rights records of all countries, beginning with its members, through the universal periodic review. Ukraine will be ready to come under such scrutiny.

Being a Party to all major human rights treaties adopted under the auspices of the United Nations, Ukraine will strictly adhere to their provisions and make every effort to uphold the highest standards of promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the assurances of its highest consideration.



New York, 5 April 2006

Office of the President of the General Assembly

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