Declaration of Intent

by the parliamentary delegations of Ukraine, Switzerland and Serbia to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) addressed to the Chair of the OSCE PA, the Ukrainian, Swiss and Serbian governments, the General Secretary of the OSCE

The parliamentary delegations of Ukraine, Switzerland and Serbia ¹ to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), aware of the potential for complementarity between the parliamentary diplomacy of the OSCE PA and the governmental diplomacy of the OSCE, wish to

- welcome the Irish OSCE Chairmanship's initiative to launch the "Helsinki +40" process² as an inclusive effort to provide strong political impetus to carrying out adjustments and reforms for a stronger OSCE on the way towards 2015, a year that marks four decades since the signing of the Helsinki Final Act in 1975;
- encourage the process pursued by the three future Chairmanships of the OSCE -Ukraine, Switzerland and Serbia, supported by the Secretary General - to work together, coordinate efforts and operationalize the OSCE vision of a security community by 2015;
- recall the important role parliamentarians can play within the OSCE in shaping or facilitating conditions in which their peoples can live in true and lasting peace free from any threat to or attempt against their security;
- encourage within the OSCE PA exchanges of views on long-standing and new security challenges in the OSCE zone and beyond, and on how the OSCE Chairmanships 2013 – 2015 can be best supported from a parliamentary point of view;
- explore and develop ways to inform in an adequate manner the peoples of Ukraine, Switzerland and Serbia about what the OSCE is achieving in the politico-military dimension, the economic-environmental dimension and the human dimension.

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¹ Ukraine will hold the OSCE Chairmanship in 2013, Switzerland in 2014 and Serbia in 2015

²"Helsinki +40" describes the process to realize the common vision set forth in the Astana Commemorative Declaration by the OSCE Heads of States and Government in 2010 by using the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act in 2015 as a catalyst for strengthening stability and security in the OSCE zone and beyond.