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Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine

Statement by the Chairman-in-office of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers

Strasbourg, 28.03.2006 - Mihai Razvan Ungureanu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, today made the following statement:

"As has been noted by the International Election Observation Mission, in which the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe took an active part, the parliamentary elections held in Ukraine last Sunday were conducted in a free and fair manner. The will of the Ukrainian people to see the values of freedom and democracy guiding their future, which they voiced with strength and determination during the events that took place at the end of 2004, has been clearly confirmed. I pay tribute to the contribution made by all political forces in Ukraine to the consolidation of democracy through this consultation.

I encourage the Ukrainian authorities to continue their efforts aimed at implementing the democratic reforms; the Council of Europe stands ready to fully support Ukraine in this regard."

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