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International Advisory Panel on Ukraine concludes first working session Next meeting scheduled 5-7 May 2014

Strasbourg, 15.04.2014 - The first working session of the International Advisory Panel on Ukraine took place at the *Palais de l'Europe*, Strasbourg, from 9 to 11 April 2014. The International Advisory Panel (IAP) was initiated in December 2013 by Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland. With the appointment of its Members, the IAP was constituted in early April 2014. Its purpose is to oversee that the investigations of the violent incidents which have taken place in Ukraine from 30 November 2013 onwards meet the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.

The Members of the panel are:

- Sir Nicolas Bratza, Chairman, former President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Mr Volodymyr Butkevych, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
- Mr Oleg Anpilogov, member of the Kharkiv Regional Council, former prosecutor.

The members of the Panel concluded their first session was "positive and constructive". They expressed their appreciation to the Council of Europe for facilitating the meeting. The Panel will communicate information on the scope of its work at a later date.

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