



DECLARATION ON THE UKRAINIAN ELECTIONS

The Hague
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COSAC:

1. stresses the importance of fundamental European values and the central place of free and democratic elections therein;
2. is concerned that, according to the International Election Observation Mission, the second round of the presidential elections in the Ukraine did not meet a considerable number of OSCE, Council of Europe and other European standards for democratic elections. COSAC supports the declaration of the EU-presidency of 22 November 2004;
3. believes that these deficiencies undermine the legitimacy of the electoral process;
4. encourages the Ukrainian parliament to launch a thorough investigation into the election process;
5. urges the Ukrainian authorities to ensure that the election results are processed democratically and transparently.