



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council Conclusions concerning the negotiation of a new enhanced Agreement between the EU and Ukraine

*2776th EXTERNAL RELATIONS Council meeting
Brussels, 22 January 2007*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. The Council and the Commission recall that the European Union has acknowledged Ukraine's European aspirations and has welcomed Ukraine's European choice in the Council conclusions and in the EU-Ukraine Action Plan, both adopted on 21 February 2005. The EU recognises and welcomes the progress Ukraine has made in consolidating democracy.
2. The Council and the Commission declare that
 - the European Union maintains its strong commitment to supporting Ukraine's political and economic reforms, aimed at further strengthening democracy, stability and prosperity in the country, and wishes to reinforce this commitment through a new enhanced Agreement;
 - through this Agreement, the European Union aims to build an increasingly close relationship with Ukraine, aimed at gradual economic integration and deepening of political co-operation;
 - a new enhanced Agreement shall not prejudice any possible future developments in EU-Ukraine relations.

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3. The Council and the Commission recall the conclusions of the European Council of 14-15 December 2006 reaffirming its resolve to strengthen the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in order to consolidate a ring of prosperity, stability and security based on human rights, democracy and the rule of law in the Union's neighbourhood."
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