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#### Policy Recommendations and Future Agenda

#### Introduction:

Ukraine needs less foreign policy talk, and more action, in particular on domestic reform, which will significantly affect Ukraine's ability to integrate into the EU and NATO. Ukraine needs to select a limited number of foreign policy goals and devote substantial resources to accomplish those objectives.

#### Session I: Ukrainian National Security and Foreign Policy Decision Making Process and Organization

#### *Policy Recommendations*

1. The Ukrainian government should devise a new national security strategy for implementing President Yushchenko's foreign policy priorities, including the NATO-Ukraine and EU-Ukraine action plans.
2. The Ukrainian government should devise an effective and coherent FP-decision-making structure based on a clear division of responsibilities between the entities involved in FP-decision-making.

#### *Future Task Force Agenda*

3. Create a workshop to examine the U.S. National Security Council process and structure (with a view to possible lessons for Ukraine).
4. Draft a two-page paper describing the current Ukrainian FP-decision-making structure.
5. Use the Internet to exchange expert views on Ukraine.
6. Consider the role that NGO's might play in shaping Ukrainian foreign policy.

#### Session II: Ukrainian Membership in the European Union

#### *Policy Recommendations*

1. The Ukrainian political parties should establish contacts to their European Union counterparts.
2. The Ukrainian government should establish a parliamentary liaison with the European Parliament in its diplomatic mission in Brussels.
3. The Ukrainian government should seek to create an international advisory board to provide independent advice on Ukrainian EU integration efforts.
4. The Ukrainian government should set as an objective the creation a customs union with the EU within five years.

5. The Ukrainian government should prepare a separate Ukraine-EU action plan for cooperation in science and technology.
6. The Ukrainian government should review its strategy for the implementation and monitoring of the Ukrainian-EU action plan.
7. The Ukrainian government, in cooperation with the EU, should craft a public information campaign on EU membership, directed at the media, local government, and academia.

#### ***Future Task Force Agenda***

8. Consider creating a European-Ukrainian foundation.
9. Consider creating a mechanism whereby NGOs monitor the implementation of the EU-Ukraine action plan.

### **Session III: Ukrainian Integration into NATO**

#### ***Policy Recommendations***

1. The Ukrainian government, supported by NGOs, should create an intensified information campaign focused on the benefits of NATO-membership.
2. The Ukrainian government should identify important contributions to the NATO force structure.
3. Ukrainian integration into NATO should be a focus for both U.S.-Ukrainian bilateral and U.S.-Ukrainian-Polish trilateral consultations.
4. The Ukrainian government should promote an effective integration of the MOD and the general staff.
5. The Ukrainian government should use the drafting of the National Security Strategy to foster a meaningful debate on Ukrainian national security requirements.

#### ***Future Task Force Agenda***

6. Study the implications of Ukrainian NATO membership on its military industrial complex and the contribution the MIC would make.
7. Consider how to organize and launch a NATO information campaign, implemented by NGO's.

### **Session IV: Ukraine's Role in the Region**

#### ***Policy Recommendations***

1. The U.S. government and the EU should support stable, positive relations between Russia and Ukraine.
2. In pursuing its initiative to resolve the Transnistria dispute, the Ukrainian government should maintain close consultations with Moldova, the OSCE, the U.S. government and EU.
3. The Ukrainian government should focus on practical projects, especially in the transportation infrastructure and the energy sector, in GUAM.

#### ***Future Task Force Agenda***

4. Explore possibilities for future multilateral (non-governmental) consultations among U.S., Ukrainian, and other experts.

## *Session V: U.S. – Ukraine Relations*

### *Policy Recommendations*

1. The Ukrainian and U.S. governments should concentrate on implementation of the April 4 joint statement. As a matter of priority, the Ukrainian government should work with the Rada for passage of new legislation on optical media piracy (which is key to U.S.-Ukrainian WTO negotiations and to an out-of-cycle review of trade sanctions against Ukraine). As a matter of priority, the U.S. government, particularly the White House, should work with Congress for passage of legislation graduating Ukraine from Jackson-Vanik.
2. The U.S. government should advise and work with Ukraine on the issue of energy diversification.
3. U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation in the war on terrorism should be deepened.
4. The U.S. government should involve Ukraine in U.S. missile defense system development, drawing on the strengths of the Ukrainian military industrial complex.

### *Future Task Force Agenda*

5. Consider ways to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. Congress and the Rada.
6. Organize the next task force meeting for Fall 2005.
7. Institute a process aimed at monitoring and reviewing the progress of implementing these recommendations.

### *Concluding Remark*

While the bulk of these recommendations are for actions to be taken by the Ukrainian government to advance its foreign policy agenda, it is the sense of the working group that the U.S. government should actively look for ways to support the Ukrainian government in implementing these ideas.

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