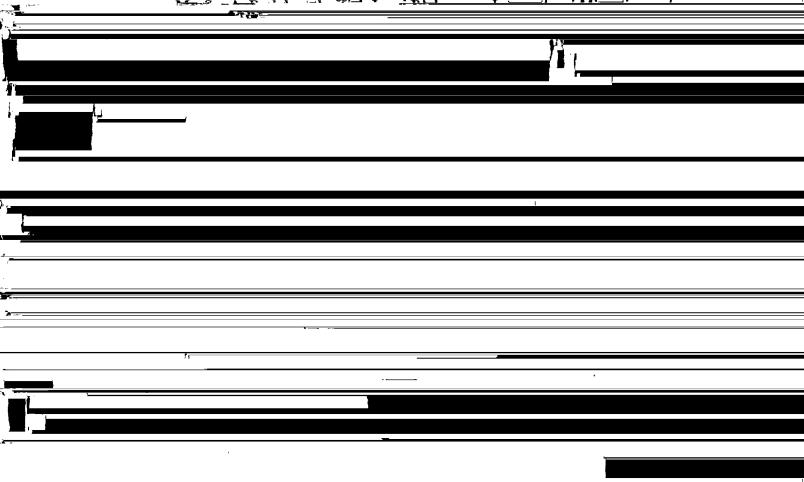


## Statement

by the Head of the State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Migration



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Madame President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates At the very beginning we were lacking any experience in the area of migration management and for the first time faced such phenomena as asylum seekers, refugees, illegal migrants and guest-workers. Nowadays Ukraine acceded to the Convention on Refugee Status of 1951 and Protocol on Refugee Status of 1957. Since 2002 Ukraine is the full member of International Organization for Migration.

But there is lot remains to be done. While the European Union now borders Ukraine, the migration movements are likely to grow. That defines Ukraine as a country with mixed streams of migrants.

The reality encourages the Government of Ukraine to introduce measures that would