Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Nordic-Baltic Delegations Meeting in Vilnius, January 31, 2014

Statement on the situation in Ukraine

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Delegates from the Nordic and Baltic countries meeting on 31 January 2014 in Vilnius

Are closely following with great concern the situation in Ukraine,

Strongly condemn the use of violence which has led to the aggravation of the situation and subsequent bloodshed,

Emphasize that the use of force has already resulted in a great number of injured and even deaths,

Regret the lost lives and extend its sincere condolences to the families and relatives of the victims,

Welcome the repeal of the recently adopted anti- protest law and the law recriminalizing defamation

The OSCE NB 8 delegates meeting in Vilnius call upon:

- the parties involved in the conflict to resolve the crisis by constructive political dialogue,

- the chairmanship of the OSCE to invite all relevant parties to take an active role and participate in the political dialogue.

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