

The 2nd Global Conference on Harnessing Data to Improve Anti-Corruption Measurement

High Level Statement Ukraine

Good morning, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. It is an honor to address the second global conference on harnessing data to improve corruption measurement on behalf of national agency on corruption prevention of Ukraine. Today, the global anti corruption community is shifting from perceptions to precision, from assumption to evidence we can measure and verify. Building this kind of analytical foundation is no longer optional. It has become a strategic necessity for every country that wants real progress, not just good intentions. For Ukraine, the importance of this mission is existential. As we defend our freedom and democratic future against full scale aggression, corruption is not only an economic offense, it is a direct threat to national security. This is precisely why our anti corruption system has not paused during the war. It has accelerated, becoming faster, more digital, and fundamentally data driven. We believe that the experience we gained during these difficult years has helped us build a unique and effective model for using different data sources. This allows us to make anti corruption policy truly measurable and strategically focused, exactly in the spirit of the Vienna principles. Data is the heart of Ukraine's anti corruption strategy. Ukraine's next anti corruption strategy for years 2026, 2030 is built on a dual concept. First, strengthening resilience of our anti corruption institutions, and focusing on prevention of corruption. The second, reducing corruption in strategically important and high risk sectors, most vulnerable spheres of life. The strategy relies on robust analytical foundations. First of all, national reporting on corruption trends and policy impact, alignment with the European Union Acts OECD Greco FOD recommendations. Analysis of the institutional system, and identification and study of the priority sector most vulnerable to corruption. Our flagship instrument in the digital is the digital electronic declaration system, one of the world's largest and most comprehensive datasets of public officials financial information. The e declaration system enables automatic validation and risk based verification, partial auto filling of draft declaration up to 75% of data which is automatically filled in and full operational security even during wartime. International models have repeatedly recognized the system as a global model proving that verifiable data can withstand extreme pressure. Since the year 2021, Ukraine has conducted annual polling to measure both perception and experience of corruption among citizens and businesses. The year 2024 study provides valuable insights. First of all, corruption is considered the second most serious problem after the war. And the other growing citizen engagement. More people and companies report corruption to authorities, showing trust in our tools like the two IT two whistleblower Reporting portal. Every year, this data allows us to track dynamics, assess policy effectiveness, and design targeted sectoral reforms. In July of this year, Ukraine successfully completed the fifth monitoring round under the OECD Istanbul anti corruption action plan. We received the highest score for the anti corruption policy and strong results for specialized

institutions. Ukraine also actively contributes to the OECD Public Integrity Indicators Initiative, providing data on strategic planning, policymaking, accountability, and internal control. Ukraine is already performing above the OECD average in several important areas, especially in the quality of our anti corruption strategy and how effectively we put it into practice. Our data shows major success. Our prevention system and institutions are strong and internationally validated. But it also highlights the key challenges. The OECD review gave us a lower score for liability for corruption offenses. This is one of the key priorities of our new strategy for years 2026, 2030. We need to make sure that our data systems and digital tools help us detect problems faster, support effective investigations, and guarantee that those who break the law are held accountable. Measurement must lead to analysis. Analysis must lead to strategy. Strategy must lead to systemic reforms. We encourage all countries to join a global efforts to build anti corruption policies on real evidence using data that is clear, comparable, and trusted around the world. Thank you so much for your attention and wish you fruitful discussion.