

ВИСТУП КООРДИНАТОРА СИСТЕМИ ООН В УКРАЇНІ ОЛІВ'Є АДАМА

Your Excellencies
Dear Mr. Копiyka
Dear Professors,
Dear Students,

I am very pleased to be here with you today surrounded by such an extraordinary group of scholars and friends and honoured that the Institute of International Relations has organised this conference on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the United Nations.

I would like to thank Mr. Копiyka and members of the Institute of International relations for their leadership and their interest in our work. I also would like to thank all of you students for your participation and your will in learning more about our world and the important role the UN plays in it.

This anniversary is the occasion to further celebrate our commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, of which Ukraine was a founding member and continue to promote multilateralism in the pursuit of common objectives of peace and development.

Although the organisation has matured since its birth, its fundamental objectives which also include to protect human rights, promote social progress and better standards of life - remain as critical as ever.

Although the United Nations is usually associated with maintaining peace and security, its scope of work goes much beyond those areas and is often not very well known.

Often without attracting attention, the UN is engaged in a wide array of work that seeks to improve people's lives around the world and supports the respect of international laws, treaties and conventions. Overall it continues fighting for a more prosperous, stable and equitable world.

Ukraine has been an active member of the United Nations and I am sure you will hear more on this from their excellencies Mr. Udovenko and Mr. Zlenko and others speakers later this morning.

Here in Ukraine our work here cover areas that are of high importance for the country: macro-economic stabilisation; sustainable economic development; gender equality; promotion of reproductive and maternal health; response to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis; protection of the environment; human rights promotion; support to refugees and asylum seekers just to name a few

On the invitation of the Government of Ukraine, the UN system in Ukraine and its 13 member agencies and around 700 UN staff provide expertise and assistance to Ukraine to jointly deliver results for a safer, healthier, more prosperous country and increased citizen's welfare.

In 2010 the UNCT financial grant assistance to Ukraine will amount to a modest \$ 64 million while the Bretton Woods institutions are planning to deliver over 7.5 billion in loans and investments.

However advocacy, policy advice and capacity building efforts cannot be measured only in monetary terms.

Speaking to future diplomats today, I would like to stress on the importance of maintaining your interest in international affairs and government.

In particular I really would like you to learn and think on what can be done to achieve the UN Millennium Goals, and particularly those set for Ukraine which were outlined more recently

by President Yanukovich in his speech at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the 65th UN General Assembly.

The President reaffirmed the Government of Ukraine's commitment to achieving the MDGs and its commitment to the broadest possible international cooperation under the auspices of the UN in this regard especially with regards to eliminating poverty, improving gender, meeting the targets on HIV/AIDS and TB and addressing the environmental challenges.

If we reach the MDG several millions of individuals will be lifted out of relative poverty, men and women in Ukraine will enjoy equal access to rights, maternal and child health will be improved and access to education will be increased. Achieving the MDGs will mean the population of Ukraine can live a healthier and more dignified life, enjoying the benefits of a sustainable environment and a prosperous economy.

One of the issues the UN Secretary General and the President of Ukraine discussed a few weeks ago have featured throughout the past 20 years of the UN's history, and one which continues to have particular importance for Ukraine is the aftermath of the Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster.

Ukraine plans to host a High-Level International Conference «Twenty-five years of the Chornobyl Disaster. Security for the Future» in April 2011 which the Secretary General is planning to attend.

In conclusion let me leave you with the message the Secretary General issued on the occasion of our Anniversary «UN Day is a day on which we resolve to do more. ...more to fight climate change ... more to expand opportunities for women and girls ...to combat injustice and impunity more to meet the Millennium Development Goals. Despite our problems ... our interconnected world has opened up vast new possibilities for common progress. Let us commit to do even more to realize the great vision set out in the UN Charter. I count on you to be advocate for the UN principles in your life and wish you an interesting and successful conference!»