

Opening remarks of H.E. Mr. Hennadii Nadolenko the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors of Ukraine in the State of Israel.

Among partners of Ukraine the special place is taken by our good friend in the Middle East – the State of Israel. There should be no doubts that Israel remains our very important international partner, both politically and economically. Ukraine had established with the State of Israel friendly, trusting and partnership relations that we really appreciate.

We have very long history of relations between Ukrainian and Jewish nations traced back to the ancient times. But, the history of modern diplomatic relations and cooperation between our states is only 23 years, nevertheless, during these years the two sides have demonstrated mutual interest and political will to strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation.

The coincidence of interests on the international scene, mutual support and that is the most important – mutual trust and openness, gives both sides the firm basis for confidence in reliable future of the relations between Ukraine and Israel.

The Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, our Government and our Ministry, in particular, are determined to give this cooperation a qualitatively new dimension and dynamics.

Ukraine went through a very difficult period of its history, protecting itself from the aggressive neighbor. At stake is not only its territorial integrity and sovereignty, but also the security and stability of the entire European continent. Now, when there is a real threat to our independence, and we are increasingly talking about the similarities between our countries, I want to express the hope that the mutual support of the Israeli and Ukrainian people will become more and more apparent.

It is Israel that is probably no other country knows the bitter truth about the activities of the terrorist organizations that act deceitfully hiding behind civilians. It is Israel, as well as Ukraine, paying a high price for the peace and quiet of their own citizens. Our people mourn tens, and in Ukraine for thousands of lives of young children who died during anti-terrorist operations.

Israel is one of the basic and advanced trading partners of Ukraine among the countries of the Middle East, traditionally occupying the first position in the region. It is encouraging to note that despite all the difficulties, the level of bilateral trade between Ukraine and Israel for three consecutive years exceeds 1 billion US dollars.

Both Ukraine and Israel consider that the trade and economic relations between our countries can be intensified by the free trade agreement, which we are planning to sign this year.

We are pleased to mention, that many Israeli businessmen are doing mutually beneficial business with Ukraine and temporary difficulties are not the barrier for them, but quite a challenge.

In this respect I would like to appreciate the efforts of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce in preparing this informational bulletin. I hope that the materials which you will find here will help you in the decision to develop, or to start new business with Ukraine.

Also be sure that the Embassy of Ukraine in the State of Israel will always help you in this.

So I would like to invite the Israeli business community –

Do business in Ukraine!

Do business with Ukraine!

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