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Action program for reforms in Ukraine for the first 300 days of a new presidential administration.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Wednesday, February 10th in Kyiv, Ukraine and on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in Washington, D.C., press conferences and meetings were held to launch the report by the Independent International Experts Commission on how to reform Ukraine's economy after its presidential election.

Anders Åslund, PIIIE senior fellow and co-chair of the Commission, presented the main conclusions of the report at both meetings. The premise of the report, entitled Proposals for Ukraine: 2010 - Time for Reforms, is that the current combination of a new presidential mandate with the recent shock of severe economic crisis is uniquely propitious for the enactment of major reforms in Ukraine.

The Commission calls for profound structural changes in 2010, including [1] full-fledged inflation targeting; [2] gas sector reform; [3] realistic energy pricing; [4] a comprehensive deregulation of enterprise; and the [5] conclusion of an Association Agreement, including a deep and comprehensive free trade agreement, with the European Union.

The Commission is co-chaired by Anders Åslund and Ukrainian Professor Olexander Paskhaver. PIIIE Director C. Fred Bergsten is also a member of the Commission.

A member of the Independent International Experts Commission, Dr. Irina Paliashvili, Attorney at Law, President, RULG-Ukrainian Legal Group, is a member of the executive committee of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC), Washington, D.C., www.usubc.org. Anders Åslund has served as a senior advisor to the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC), www.usubc.org, for several years.

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