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Taking Measure of a U.S./Ukraine Strategic Partnership”***  
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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*“Ukraine’s Quest for Mature Nation Statehood - Roundtable II: Taking Measure of a U.S./Ukraine Strategic Partnership”*, an event scheduled to be held on September 20/21, 2001 in Washington, D.C. will bring together prominent representatives from academia and the governments of Ukraine and the U.S. to evaluate the relationship between the two countries and the role that their strategic partnership has played in promoting their common goals and respective national interests.

Over the course of the last decade, relations between the U.S. and Ukraine have undergone significant change. Two principal, overarching factors have emerged, which today constitute and justify the strategic nature of that relationship: global security and regional stability. Beyond these core considerations, there are critical direct benefits to be derived from a strong bilateral relationship.

The prospects for advancing the strategic partnership will, in large measure, depend on Ukraine's ability to further develop the requisite internal institutional framework to move toward assuming the responsibilities of a major player in the region and beyond. In this, the role of the U.S. as a countervailing force to external pressures seeking to undermine Ukraine's emergence as a member of the Euro Atlantic community may prove crucial.

For Ukraine, nothing less than the sustainability of its sovereignty and independence is at stake. For the U.S., the corresponding issue is whether or not there will be finality with regard to the possible reemergence of a hegemonic power on the Eurasian land mass.

The purpose of *“Ukraine’s Quest For Mature Nation Statehood-Roundtable II: Taking Measure of a U.S./Ukraine Strategic Partnership”*, is to objectively assess the capacity of both countries to make the requisite political, economic, diplomatic and military commitments to the realization of these strategic objectives.

The goal of the Roundtable is to provide, inter alia, a valuable cache of information, analysis and insight pertinent to U.S./Ukraine strategic relations for the new administration in Washington, D.C. and the newly appointed Cabinet of Ministers in Kyiv.