

# **Press release: UK expresses concern that Ukraine's fight against corruption is being undermined**

Following recent events which appear to threaten the activities of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau, an FCO spokesperson said:

The UK has growing concerns that Ukraine's fight against corruption is being undermined. Corruption remains a major threat to Ukraine's stability and national security and is cited by Ukraine's electorate as the number one issue facing the country. The fight against it is fundamental to Ukraine's European choice and its aspiration to become a modern, prosperous and democratic state.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU), in which the UK has invested significant resource, is a critical piece of the anti-corruption machinery in Ukraine, and has made great strides in its development and its investigations. Recent events, including interference in NABU investigations and the exposing of NABU's undercover officers, are a worrying sign that the future of independent anti-corruption investigations is under threat.

We hope that those in positions of authority will show leadership in progressing a joined up reform effort to eradicate corruption.