

**LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 2003 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AT GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT REGARDING THE TREATY ON THE UKRAINIAN –RUSSIAN STATE BORDER, SIGNED ON 28 JANUARY 2003 BY THE PRESIDENTS OF UKRAINE AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 28 January 2003, regarding the Treaty on the Ukrainian-Russian State Border, signed on 28 January 2003 by the Presidents of Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The signing of the said Treaty has signified the completion of an important phase in the legal procedure of formalizing the state border of Ukraine. This event is of an extraordinary significance not only for Ukraine and the Russian Federation, but in the context of all-European processes as well.

I would be very grateful if this statement could be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed to the delegations of all Member States of the Conference and Non-Member States participating in its work.

(Signed):                      Mykhailo SKURATOVSKYI  
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**Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine  
on the occasion of signing the Treaty  
between Ukraine and the Russian Federation  
on the Ukrainian-Russian State Border**

A remarkable event took place on 28 January in the history of Ukraine and the Russian Federation: Presidents Leonid Kuchma and Vladimir Putin signed the Treaty on the Ukrainian-Russian State Border. Thus, the important stage of the legal formalization of the state border of Ukraine has been completed.

The signing of the Treaty signifies a new page in the century-old history of the Ukrainian and Russian peoples. It expands the possibility for the further development of relations between Ukraine and the Russian Federation as independent sovereign States and good neighbours. Our peoples have confirmed their desire to base their relationship on friendship, co-operation and partnership, thereby having contributed to the cause of strengthening the European security.

The Treaty will contribute to the establishment of a high level of mutual understanding and confidence, civilized resolution of disputable issues that may arise between Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

This endeavour is a milestone for further co-operation in settling the existing problems and a precondition for their resolution in the interests of both Parties. To this aim, Ukraine will continue to endeavour to complete the legal formalisation of the state border along its entire perimeter.

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