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| <b>Event</b>     | Press Conference   |
| <b>Speakers:</b> | Mr. Mykola Lukhanin,<br>Deputy Head of the State Railway Administration of Ukraine "Ukrzaliznytsa"                         |
|                  | Mr. Mykhaylo Makarenko<br>Director of Rail Transport Department of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine |
|                  | Mr. Vladimir Badagov<br>Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine                         |
| <b>Subject</b>   | Rail Transport Preparation for EURO 2012   |
| <b>Date</b>      | 1 April 2009   |
| <b>Location</b>  | Interfax, Kyiv, Ukraine  |

## Introduction:

The Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine and the State Rail Road Administration of Ukraine "Ukrzaliznytsa" gave a press conference to describe a current status and projects planned within the Ukrainian railways development for the EURO 2012.

## Minutes:

Mykhaylo Makarenko informed that European Bank on Development and Reconstruction together with World Bank plan to appropriate 600 million USD for the works on the passenger and cargo traffic differentiation throughout the rail roads of Ukraine. This sum is planned to be spent during 2009-2010.

The main condition for getting the loan is the rail road system reform, i.e. clear vertical management structure development, creation of the railway transport administration, distinction between passenger and cargo transportation management.

Mr. Makarenko also explained that, as of now, there are no rail roads for passenger cars in Ukraine which allow the speed up to 160 km per hour. There are only combined rail roads, both for passenger and cargo rail transport.

Mr. Lukhanin informed the audience about the project of the financial plan of Ukrainian State Railway Administration for 2009 that provides for 4.9 billion UAH for EURO 2012 preparation. In particular, he said that 150 passenger cars and 6-10 locomotives should be bought. It is also planned to carry out the capital repair of more than 1000 passenger cars.



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Furthermore, Mr. Lukhanin underlined the modernization of the railway infrastructure of the key passenger routes for EURO-2012, namely: capital repair and replacement of railway tracks and crossings, alarm and communication system modernization. High priority within this scope of works Ukrazaliznytsa puts on the following routes: Kiev – Dnipropetrovsk, Kiev – Donetsk, Kiev – Lviv, Kiev – Kharkov, Kiev – Odessa. As Mr. Lukhanin informed, almost 1,5 billion UAH were spent for these works in 2008, whereas 3,5 billion UAH are allocated for 2009.

The speakers promised by 2012 the introduction of the system of online booking and train tickets purchase via Internet, conducting English courses for railway staff, services improvement, passenger trains capital repair, technical upgrading of the rolling stock, and everything else to please foreign and national tourists for EURO 2012.

Finally, Mr. Badagov turned the attention to the fact that the rates of rail transport preparation works are positively evaluated by the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Ukraine.