UKRAINIAN ELECTIONS: OUR EXPECTATIONS AND OUR FEARS

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Promises of Victor Yanukovich

- Close Ukrainian – Russia relationship;
- Russian -- the second official language;
- Introduce dual Russia- Ukrainian citizenship
Post-Election Challenges in Ukraine

► The polarized electorate;
► Calls for regional autonomy;
► Decrepit rust-belt coal and steel industries in the East;
► The opposition of protectionist oligarchs, apparatchiks, and thugs
Key questions to Ukraine

► Who will get portfolios in the new government and what portfolios will they get?
► What is the difference between the new and the previous government?
► Why doesn’t new government say anything specific about political and economic reforms?
► Why doesn’t new government outline the schedule of their implementation?
What do Ukrainian people expect and fear of the new Ukrainian government

- New faces of real professionals in the government
- Freedom of speech
- Decisive political and economic reform
- Clear goals and objectives of reform
- Newly elected President might have certain commitments to the business circles that rose against Kuchma’s system
- New government, exhilarated by the victory, will not listen to constructive criticism in the press
- Possibly destructive position regarding the Russian Federation
- Russia’s influence in Ukraine will increase
Five priority blocks for reform

► Political, administrative, and judicial reform and relations between central and local governments
► Social reform
► Improvement in the taxation system and development of the financial sector
► Relations between state and private business
► International integration of Ukraine