## President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych and President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė to Open 10th **Yalta Annual Meeting on September 20**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> Yalta Annual Meeting entitled "Changing Ukraine in a Changing World: Factors of Success", organized by the Yalta European Strategy (YES) in partnership with the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, will take place at the historic Livadia Palace in Yalta, Ukraine, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013. More than 250 leaders from politics, business, society and media representing 20 countries will discuss global challenges and their impact on Ukraine, Wider Europe and the world.

President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych and President of the Republic of Lithuania **Dalia Grybauskaitė** will officially open the 10<sup>th</sup> Yalta Annual Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. They will present their visions on how to create synergies for Wider Europe. Chrystia Freeland, Fellow, Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto and former Editor of Consumer News, Thomson Reuters (2013), will moderate.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Yalta Annual Meeting will focus on factors of success that create strong, competitive, sustainable and fair countries and societies. Among the topics will be the global economy, energy security, threats and innovations transforming our lives, as well as successful leadership approaches. Special attention will be paid to the future of Wider Europe and Ukraine's cooperation and integration perspectives.

Among the speakers will be Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; Stefan Fule, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy; Sergey Glazyev, Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation; Kairat Kelimbetov, Vice Prime Minister of Kazakhstan; Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine (1994 - 2005); Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005) and Chairman of the Board of YES; Mario Monti, 54th Prime Minister of Italy (2011 - 2012); Ronald Noble, Secretary General Interpol; Gen. David H. Petraeus (US Army, Retired), Director, Central Intelligence Agency (2011 - 2012); Bill Richardson, 30th Governor of New Mexico, 9th United States Secretary of Energy (1998 – 2001); **Gerhard Schröder**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (1998-2005); Radoslaw Sikorski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland; Javier Solana, EU High Representative for CFSR (1999-2009), member of the Board of YES; and Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe.

Speakers also include leading businessmen, economists and experts including: Andrei Kostin, President and Chairman of the Management Board, VTB Bank; Daphne Koller, Co-Founder, Co-CEO, Coursera; Pascal Lamy, former Director General, WTO (2005 - 2013); Nouriel Roubini, Professor, Stern School of Business, New York

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University; **Niall Ferguson**, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History, Harvard University; **Michio Kaku**, physicist and futurist; **Dominique Strauss-Kahn**, former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (2007-2011); **Martin Wolf**, Chief Economics Commentator, The Financial Times; **Robert Zoellick**, former president of the World Bank (2007-2012); and others.

In addition to President Yanukovych, Ukraine will be represented by Prime Minister **Mykola Azarov**, **Yuriy Boyko**, Vice Prime Minister; and **Leonid Kozhara**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, among others.

Engaging Ukrainian youth in the global debate within the Yalta Annual Meetings is another area of focus of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation. This year, for the fifth time, the Foundation will organize the participation of 30 **Zavtra.UA** and **WorldWideStudies** scholarship holders, selected through an open competition from more than 1,500 candidates from all over Ukraine. They will meet with key speakers and participants and develop suggestions for the future of Ukraine and Wider Europe.

**Ms. Freeland** will moderate panel discussions on September 20<sup>th</sup>; **Stephen Sackur**, journalist and Host of HARDtalk, BBC, will moderate on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The 10th Yalta Annual Meeting will be streamed live at **korrespondent.net** in Ukrainian and on **yes-ukraine.org** in English and Ukrainian on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st.

The official **Twitter** of the 10th Yalta Annual Meeting: **@yes\_ukraine**, hashtag: **#yalta2013** 

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European Union, Ukraine, Russia and other countries. This non-partisan organisation was established in 2004 by the Ukrainian businessman and public figure Victor Pinchuk.

The YES Annual Meetings held in Yalta's Livadia Palace have become an open platform to discuss and look for new ideas and views on paths to European, Ukrainian and global development. Every year these meetings bring together over 200 politicians, diplomats, statesmen, journalists, analysts and business leaders from more than 20 countries. The dialogue on global challenges broadens the vision on the situation inside Ukraine and the prospects for the country's development in the modern world. It is also an incentive to find common ground between countries, common interests and values.

At the YES Annual Meetings the world's top opinion leaders present their visions of current and future trends which impact all spheres of life of society. In 2010, 2011 and 2012 the events were opened by Presidents Viktor Yanukovych, Bronislaw Komorowski, Shimon Peres and Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. YES Annual Meetings key speakers have included Mykola Azarov, Kofi Annan, Egemen Bagis, Carl Bildt, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, Richard Branson, James Wolfensohn, Newt Gingrich, Herman Gref, Arkadiy Dvorkovich, Robert Zoellick, Bill Clinton, Paul Krugman, Alexei Kudrin, Leonid Kuchma, Yuri Milner, Condoleezza Rice, Lawrence Summers, Radoslaw Sikorski, Javier Solana, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Shashi Tharoor, Strobe Talbott, Niall Ferguson, Vladimir Filat, Joschka Fischer, Stefan Fule, Gerhard Schroeder, Muhammad Yunus and many others.

Official website: yes-ukraine.org

Victor Pinchuk Foundation is an international, private and non-partisan philanthropic foundation based in Ukraine. It was established in 2006 by businessman and public figure Victor Pinchuk. Its goal is to empower future generations to become the change-makers of tomorrow. To achieve this, projects are developed and partnerships are built in Ukraine and worldwide.

- in people, to boost human capital;
- in society, to promote social responsibility;
- in the world, to foster a more integrated world.

The projects of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation include, among others: the network of neonatal centers Cradles of Hope, the largest private scholarship programme in Ukraine, Zavtra.UA, the WorldWideStudies scholarship programme for Ukrainian students studying abroad, the centre for contemporary art PinchukArtCentre with its biannual prizes Future Generation Art Prize and PinchukArtCentre Prize. The foundation also hosts the Davos Philanthropic Roundtable and Davos Ukrainian Lunch organized each year at the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum and supports the international network YES (Yalta European Strategy) to foster Ukraine's European and global integration, as well as a startup online platform for fostering philanthropy in Ukraine, the Philanthropic Marketplace. The Foundation is a member of the European Foundation Centre and the Ukrainian Grantmakers Forum. It cooperates with the Clinton Global Initiative, the Brookings Institution, the Peterson Institute for International Economics, the Peres Center for Peace, the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, and other nongovernmental organizations.

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