

Ukraine prepares national program of integration into NATO

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The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry is planning to prepare the first one-year national program for Ukraine's integration into NATO.

"We hope to have the first one-year national program approved in March-April and will actually start implementing it," Foreign Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko told reporters in Kyiv on Monday.

A group of experts from the NATO Secretariat will arrive in February, marking the beginning of a Ukrainian-NATO "rapprochement," he said.

"Today we have a target plan for 2009 and we are planning to transform it into a one-year national program," the minister explained.

The program will consist 95% of the target plan, hence it is safe to say that its implementation has already started, Ohryzko said.

The minister expressed confidence that the program would have been fulfilled 100% by the end of the year.

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