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THE LAW OF UKRAINE

On Amending the Constitution of Ukraine

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine **has resolved:**

To make the following changes and amendments into the Constitution of Ukraine (Vidomosti of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 1996, #30, p.141):

1. Articles 76, 78, 81-83, 85, 87-90 and 93 shall be worded respectively as follows:

“Article 76. The constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is made up of 450 National Deputies of Ukraine who are elected on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.

A citizen of Ukraine who has attained the age of twenty-one on the day of elections, has the right to vote, and has resided on the territory of Ukraine for the past five years, may be elected to the Verkhovna Rada Ukraine.

A citizen who has a criminal record for committing an intentional crime cannot be elected to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine unless such record has been revoked and erased according to the procedure established by the law.

The authority of National Deputies of Ukraine is determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.

The term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be five years.”

“Article 78. National Deputies of Ukraine exercise their authority on a permanent basis.

National Deputies of Ukraine shall not have another representative mandate, be in the civil service, hold any other paid offices (except for the offices of ministers and chief executives of central bodies of executive power), pursue any remunerative or business activities (except for academic, research and artistic activities), be members of governing or supervisory boards of companies or any profit-making institutions.

Requirements concerning the incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with other types of activity are established by law.

Should any circumstances arise in violation of the requirements concerning the incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with some other types of activity, the National

Deputy of Ukraine shall, within the period of twenty days, terminate such activity or submit a personal statement on relinquishment of authority of the National Deputy of Ukraine.

Article 81. The authority of National Deputies of Ukraine, including those who were elected to replace the deputies that relinquished their authority prior to the expiration of their term or those elected in by-elections, terminates simultaneously with the termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine terminates prior to the expiration of the term in the event of:

- 1) his or her resignation through a personal statement;
- 2) a guilty verdict against him or her;
- 3) a court declaring him or her incompetent or missing;
- 4) termination of his or her citizenship or his or her departure from Ukraine for permanent residence abroad;
- 5) failure within twenty days to eliminate circumstances that violate requirements concerning the incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with other types of activity;
- 6) his or her absence, without serious grounds, from one hundred plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine over the calendar year;
- 7) failure of a National Deputy of Ukraine elected from a political party list (or from election bloc of political parties) to join the deputies' faction of such political party (election bloc of political parties) or in the event of discontinuation of a National Deputy's membership in such faction or his or her dismissal therefrom;
- 8) his or her death.

The authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine, in line with the Constitution of Ukraine, terminates prior to the expiration of the term also in the event of early termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, i.e. on the opening day of the first session of the new Verkhovna Rada attended by newly elected National Deputies of Ukraine as a result of early elections.

The decision on the early termination of authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine in cases envisaged in subparagraphs 1, 4, 6 of part two of this article is passed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, in the case envisaged in subparagraph 5 of part two of this article such decision is passed in accordance with a judicial procedure. In the event of a guilty verdict against a National Deputy of Ukraine entering into legal force, declaring him or her incompetent or missing, his or her authority terminates from the day of the court's decision coming into effect; in the event of his or her death it terminates from the day of death as stated in a death certificate.

In the event of failure of a National Deputy of Ukraine elected from a political party list (or from election bloc of political parties) to join the deputies' faction of such political party (electoral bloc of political parties) or in the event of a National Deputy's discontinuation of membership in such faction or his or her dismissal thereof, his or her authority shall be terminated prior to the expiration of the term on the basis of the law pursuant to a decision of the highest steering body of the respective political party (election bloc of political parties) from the date of passing such a decision.

Article 82. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine works in sessions.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall have authority only on condition that no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition has been elected.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles for its first session no later than on the thirtieth day after the official announcement of the election results.

The first meeting of The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is opened by the eldest National Deputy of Ukraine.

Article 83. Regular sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine commence on the first Tuesday of February and on the first Tuesday of September each year.

Extraordinary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, with the stipulation of their agenda, are convoked by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the demand of the President of Ukraine, or on the demand of no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

In the event of declaring the decree of the President of Ukraine on imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine or some single areas of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles within two days without convocation procedures.

The working procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be established by the Constitution of Ukraine and by the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Following the results of elections and on the basis of coordination and bringing together of political positions the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine forms the coalition of deputies' factions and groups of deputies. Such coalition includes the majority of National Deputies making up the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine which, in line with the Constitution of Ukraine, submits proposals to the President of Ukraine on the nomination of the Prime-Minister, forms the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and is responsible for its performance.

The coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups within the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is established within one month from the opening day of the first sitting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which is held after regular or early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine or within one month from the day the coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups terminates its activity.

The principles for shaping coalition as well as organization and termination of its activities are established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.”

“Article 85. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine comprises:

- 1) introducing amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine within the limitations and according to the procedure envisaged by Chapter XIII of this Constitution;
- 2) designating an All-Ukrainian referendum on issues determined by Article 73 of this Constitution;
- 3) adopting laws;
- 4) approving the State Budget of Ukraine and introducing amendments to it; controlling the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine and adopting decisions in regard to the report on its implementation;
- 5) determining the principles of domestic and foreign policy;
- 6) approving national programmes of economic, scientific and technological, social, national and cultural development, and the protection of the environment;
- 7) designating elections of the President of Ukraine within the terms envisaged by this Constitution;
- 8) hearing annual and special messages of the President of Ukraine on the state of domestic and foreign position of Ukraine;
- 9) declaring war upon the submission of the President of Ukraine and concluding peace, approving the decision of the President of Ukraine on the use of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;

- 10) removing the President of Ukraine from office in accordance with the special procedure (impeachment) established by Article 111 of this Constitution;
- 11) considering and adopting the decision in regard to the approval of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- 12) appointing to office the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Head of the National Security Service of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine, appointing to office other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Chairman of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, the Chairman of the State Committee on Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, the Chairman of the State Property Fund of Ukraine on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, terminating the authority of the aforesaid persons, addressing the issue of resignation from office of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, members of the Cabinet of Ministers;
- 13) exercising control over the activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in accordance with this Constitution;
- 14) confirming decisions on granting loans and economic aid by Ukraine to foreign states and international organizations and also decisions on Ukraine receiving loans not envisaged by the State Budget of Ukraine from foreign states, banks and international financial organizations, exercising control over their use;
- 15) adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- 16) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman and other members of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine;
- 17) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Authorized Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; hearing his or her annual reports on the state of the observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine;
- 18) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine;
- 19) appointing to office and dismissing from office of the composition of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine;
- 20) appointing one-half of the composition of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;
- 21) appointing to office and terminating the authority of the members of the Central Electoral Commission on the submission of the President of Ukraine;
- 22) confirming the general structure and numerical strength, and defining the functions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Security Service of Ukraine and other military formations created in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, as well as the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine;
- 23) approving decisions on providing military assistance to other states, on sending units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to another state, or on admitting units of armed forces of other states into the territory of Ukraine;
- 24) establishing state symbols of Ukraine;
- 25) granting consent for the appointment to office and dismissal from office by the President of Ukraine of the Procurator General of Ukraine; declaring vote of no confidence in Procurator General of Ukraine that results in his or her resignation from office;
- 26) appointing half of the composition of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- 27) electing judges for the time period of ten years;
- 28) terminating, prior to the expiration of the term, the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea, based on the opinion of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine to the effect that the Constitution of Ukraine or the laws of Ukraine have been violated by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea; designating early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea;

- 29) establishing and abolishing districts, establishing and altering the boundaries of districts and cities, assigning inhabited localities to the category of cities, naming and renaming inhabited localities and districts;
- 30) designating regular and early elections to bodies of local self-government;
- 31) confirming, within two days from the moment of the address by the President of Ukraine, decrees on imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine or some of its areas, on total or partial mobilization, and on declaring some single areas as environmental disaster zones;
- 32) granting consent by law to the binding character of international treaties of Ukraine and denouncing international treaties of Ukraine if the consent to the binding character of the latter has been granted by law;
- 33) exercising parliamentary control within the limitations determined by this Constitution;
- 34) confirming by law the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea and changes into it, establishing legal basis for the property that belongs to the Autonomous Republic;
- 35) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chief of Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; approving the budget of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and structure of its staff;
- 36) confirming the list of legal entities in state property that are not subject to privatization; determining the legal principles for the expropriation of facilities, which are in private property;

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises other powers ascribed to its competence in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine.”

Article 87. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the proposal of the President of Ukraine or no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of its constitutional composition, may consider the issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and adopt a resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall not be considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine more than once during one regular session, and also within one year after the approval of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine or during the last session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Article 88. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elects from among its members the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the First Deputy Chairman and Deputies to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and recalls them from their offices. The number of deputies to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be determined by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

- 1) presides at plenary meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 2) organizes the preparation of issues for consideration at the plenary meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 3) signs acts adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 4) represents the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in relations with other bodies of state power of Ukraine and with the bodies of power of other states;
- 5) organizes the work of the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises authority envisaged by the Constitution, according to the procedure established by the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Article 89. In order to perform the work of legislative drafting, prepare and conduct the preliminary consideration of issues ascribed to its authority, exercise its control and auditing functions in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine establishes its select committees from among the National Deputies of Ukraine and elects Chairmen to such Committees, their first deputies as well as other deputies and secretaries of committees.

Article 90. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is terminated on the opening day of the first sitting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of a new convocation.

The President of Ukraine may terminate the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine prior to the expiration of its term if:

- 1) the coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups has not been formed within one month in line with article 83 of this Constitution;
- 2) within three months the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine fails to elect the President of Ukraine in line with article 103 of the Constitution of Ukraine;
- 3) within sixty days after the resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the individual membership of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is not formed;
- 4) within thirty days of a single regular session the plenary meetings fail to commence;

This decision is made by the President of Ukraine after consultations with the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and his deputies and the heads of deputies' factions and deputies' groups.

The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall not be terminated prior to the expiration of its term within the last six months of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine, with the exception of the case envisaged by subparagraph 2 of part two of this article”;

“Article 93. The right of legislative initiative in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine belongs to the President of Ukraine, the National Deputies of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers.

Draft laws defined by the President of Ukraine as urgent, are considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on a first priority basis;

2. Part four of article 94 shall be complemented by the following sentence:

“In the event of another failure by the President of Ukraine to sign such law, the latter is signed and officially promulgated by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada”;

3. Article 98 shall be worded as follows:

Article 98. The Accounting Chamber of Ukraine exercises its control over the use of finances of the State Budget of Ukraine on behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine”;

4. In article 103:

a) first part shall be replaced by three new parts as follows:

Article 103. The President of Ukraine is elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The President of Ukraine is considered to be elected if not less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine have voted in his or her favor by secret ballot.

The President of Ukraine is elected for a five-year term”;

b) art five shall be excluded;

Thus, parts two-four and six shall be considered parts four-seven respectively.

5. in article 106:

a) in part one:

subparagraphs 8-12 shall be worded as follows:

- 8) “terminates the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in cases envisaged by the Constitution of Ukraine;
- 9) following the proposal of a coalition of deputies’ factions and deputies’ groups, formed in accordance with article 83 of the Constitution of Ukraine, and after consultations with heads of such factions and groups, submits a request on the appointment of the Prime Minister of Ukraine by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine no later than on the fifteenth day after receiving such proposal.
- 10) submits a request to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the appointment of the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- 11) appoints the Procurator General of Ukraine to office and dismisses him or her from office with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 12) submits a request to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the appointment of the Head of National Security Service of Ukraine”;

subparagraph 14 shall be excluded;

subparagraphs 15 and 16 shall be worded as follows:

“15) terminates the acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine due to their non-compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine and other laws of Ukraine, and concurrently addresses the Constitutional Court of Ukraine concerning their constitutionality;

revokes acts of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea”;

subparagraph 19 after the words “the decision on the use of the Armed Forces of Ukraine” shall be complemented with the phrase “and other military formations”;

subparagraphs 22, 29 and 30 shall be worded as follows:

“22) appoints one half of the composition to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine”;

“29) signs laws:

“30) has the right to veto laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (except for laws on making changes to the Constitution of Ukraine) with their subsequent return for repeat consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine”;

b) part four shall be worded as follows:

“Acts of the President of Ukraine, issued within the limits of authority as envisaged in paragraphs 5, 8, 18, 21 and 23 of this Article, are co-signed by the Prime Minister of Ukraine and the Minister responsible for the act and its execution”;

6. Article 112 shall be worded as follows:

“Article 112. In the event of the pre-term termination of authority of the President of Ukraine in accordance with Articles 108, 109, 110 and 111 of this Constitution, the execution of duties of the President of Ukraine, for the period pending the elections and the assumption of office by the new President of Ukraine, is vested in the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, while executing the duties of the President of Ukraine, shall not exercise the powers envisaged in subparagraphs 2, 6-8, 10-14, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 of Article 106 of the Constitution of Ukraine”;

7. Articles 113-115 shall be worded as follows:

“Article 113. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (Government of Ukraine) is the highest body in the system of bodies of executive power.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is responsible to the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and is under the control of and accountable to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the limits envisaged by the Constitution of Ukraine.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is guided in its activity by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine and by the acts of the President of Ukraine.

Article 114. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is composed of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the First Vice Prime Minister, three Vice Prime Ministers and Ministers.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine is appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine.

The President of Ukraine nominates the Prime Minister of Ukraine on the proposal of a coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups formed in line with Article 83 of the Constitution of Ukraine after relevant consultations with the heads of deputies' factions and deputies' groups.

The Minister of Defense of Ukraine and the Minister of Foreign Affairs are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine manages the work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and steers it towards the implementation of the Programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Article 115. The Prime Minister of Ukraine tenders its resignation to the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, have the right to announce their resignation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The resignation of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine results in the resignation of the entire Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. In such cases the Prime Minister of Ukraine is obliged to submit a statement of resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The Cabinet of Ministers, whose resignation is accepted, continues to exercise its powers until a newly-formed Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine commences its operation but no longer than for sixty days”;

8. In article 116:

a) in subparagraph 6 the phrase “submits a report on its implementation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine” shall be replaced by “submits a draft law on making changes to the law on the State Budget of Ukraine as well as a report on its implementation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine”;

b) the article after subparagraph 9 shall be complemented by the following subparagraphs:

“10) establishes, reorganizes and liquidates ministries and other central bodies of executive power acting within the limits of funds provided for maintenance of the bodies of executive power;

“11) appoints, on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine and in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, heads of central bodies of executive power that are not in the composition of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, heads of local state administrations and terminates authority of such persons in their respective offices;

12) appoint one-half of the composition of the National Bank of Ukraine”;

Thus, subparagraph 10 shall be considered as subparagraph 13;

9. In article 118:

a) part four shall be worded as follows:

“Heads of local state administrations are appointed to office and dismissed from office by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine upon the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine”;

b) part nine and ten shall be worded as follows:

“An oblast or district council may express a vote of no confidence in the head of the respective local state administration, on which grounds the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopts a decision and provides a substantial reply.

If two-thirds of the deputies of the composition of the respective council express no confidence in the head of a district or oblast state administration, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopts a decision on the resignation of the head of the local state administration”;

10. Article 120 shall be worded as follows:

“Article 120. Members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and chief executives of central and local bodies of executive power do not have the right to combine their official activity with any other work (except for the cases envisaged by part two of this article as well as teaching, scholarly and creative activity outside of working hours), or to be members of an administrative body or supervisory board of any profit-making institution..

Ministers and other heads of central bodies of executive power may combine their official activity with their representative mandate of the National Deputy of Ukraine.

The organization, authority and operational procedure of the Cabinet of Ministers, and other central and local bodies of executive power, are determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine”;

11. Article 121 shall be complemented with the following subparagraph:

“5) supervision over the observance of human and citizens’ rights and freedoms, compliance with the laws on these issues by the bodies of state power, bodies of local power and their officers and civil servants”;

12. Part one of article 122 shall be worded as follows:

“The Prosecutor General’s Office of Ukraine is headed by the Prosecutor General, who is appointed to office and dismissed from office, with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, by the President of Ukraine.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine may express a vote of no confidence in the Prosecutor General of Ukraine that results in his or her resignation from office”;

13. In article 126:

a) part four shall be worded as follows:

Judges are elected to their offices for the period of ten years, except for justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and judges appointed to the office of judge for the first time”;

c) subparagraph 2 of part five shall be worded as follows:

“the judge’s attainment of the age of sixty-five and by attainment of the age of seventy by the justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;

14. the second sentence of part one of article 128 shall be worded as follows:

“All other judges, except the judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, are elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for the period of ten years by the procedure established by law”;

15. part one of article 141 shall be worded as follows:

“A village, settlement, city, rayon, oblast council is composed of deputies elected for a four-year term by residents of a village, settlement, city, rayon, oblast on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot”;

16. part two of article 148 shall be as follows:

“The President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine each appoint **nine** justices to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine”;

17. The Constitution of Ukraine shall be complemented with chapter XVI “Final Provisions related to changes to the Constitution of Ukraine” as follows:

“CHAPTER XVI.

Final Provisions related to amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine

1. Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine introduced by the Law of Ukraine dated _____ “On Amending the Constitution of Ukraine” shall enter into effect four months after its adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine”, with the exception of cases envisaged in this chapter.
2. The next elections of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which is made up of 450 National Deputies, shall be held in the year of 2007 on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot, and following the principles of proportional system, whereby National Deputies of Ukraine shall be elected in the multi-mandate national election district according to electoral lists of candidates nominated by political parties, election blocs of political parties in line with the law.
3. The President of Ukraine, in accordance with the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine made by this law, shall be elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the last Thursday of October 2004.
The next election of the President of Ukraine shall be held in compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine within one month after the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, elected in 2007, assumes its authorities.
4. The President of Ukraine shall assume authority, according to this Law, upon inauguration to his or her office following the results of election of the President of Ukraine in 2004.
The authority of the President of Ukraine elected in the year of 2004 shall be terminated from the moment of inauguration to his or her office of the President of Ukraine newly elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in the year of 2006.
5. The justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine appointed by the Congress of Ukraine’s judges shall continue to exercise their authorities until the expiration of the term defined by this Constitution. Upon termination of the authorities of these justices the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada shall appoint three new justices to the Constitutional Court each.

In the event of early termination of the authorities of the Constitutional Court justices appointed by the Congress of Ukraine’s judges the new justices of the Constitutional

Court of Ukraine shall be appointed in turn by the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

6. Changes as regards the election of judges for the term of ten years shall be applied to the elected judges beginning from the day of entry into force of the Law of Ukraine dated _____ “On Amending the Constitution of Ukraine”.
7. The bodies of the Prosecutor’s Office of Ukraine shall exercise powers as stipulated in Paragraph 5 of Article 121 of the Law within five years from the day of entry into force of this Law.”

COMPARATIVE TABLE
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	the incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with some other types of activity, the National Deputy of Ukraine shall, within the period of twenty days, terminate such activity or submit a personal statement on relinquishment of authority of the National Deputy of Ukraine.
Article 81. The authority of National Deputies of Ukraine terminates simultaneously with the termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.	Article 81. The authority of National Deputies of Ukraine, including those who were elected to replace the deputies that relinquished their authority prior to the expiration of their term or those elected in by-elections , terminates simultaneously with the termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada Ukraine.
<p>The authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine terminates prior to the expiration of the term in the event of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) his or her resignation through a personal statement; 2) a guilty verdict against him or her entering into legal force; 3) a court declaring him or her incompetent or missing; 4) termination of his or her citizenship or his or her departure from Ukraine for permanent residence abroad; 	<p>The authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine terminates prior to the expiration of the term in the event of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) his or her resignation through a personal statement; 2) a guilty verdict against him or her entering into legal force; 3) a court declaring him or her incompetent or missing; 4) termination of his or her citizenship or his or her departure from Ukraine for permanent residence abroad; 5) failure within twenty days to eliminate circumstances that violate requirements concerning the incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with other types of activity; 6) his or her absence without serious grounds in one hundred plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine over the calendar year; 7) failure of a National Deputy of Ukraine elected on a political party list (or from election bloc of political parties) to join the deputies' faction of such political party (election bloc of political parties) or in the event of discontinuation of a National Deputy's membership in such faction or his or her dismissal thereof;
5) his or her death.	8) his or her death.
	The authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine, in line with the Constitution of Ukraine, terminates prior to the expiration of

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	<p>the term also in the event of early termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, i.e. on the opening day of the first session of the new Verkhovna Rada attended by newly elected National Deputies of Ukraine as a result of early elections.</p>
<p>The decision on the early termination of authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine is adopted by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The decision on the early termination of authority of a National Deputy of Ukraine in cases envisaged in items 1, 4, 6 of part two of this article is passed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, in cases envisaged in item 5 of part two of this article such decision is passed in accordance with a judicial procedure. In the event of a guilty verdict against a National Deputy of Ukraine entering into legal force, declaring him or her incompetent or missing, his or her authority terminates from the day of the court's decision coming into effect; in the event of his or her death – from the day of death as stated in a death certificate.</p> <p>In the event of failure of a National Deputy of Ukraine elected on a political party list (or from election bloc of political parties) to join the deputies' faction of such political party (electoral bloc of political parties) or in the event of a National Deputy's discontinuation of membership in such faction or his or her dismissal thereof, his or her authority shall be terminated prior to the expiration of the term on the basis of the law pursuant to a decision of the highest steering body of the respective political party (election bloc of political parties) from the day of passing such a decision.</p>
<p>If a requirement concerning incompatibility of the mandate of the deputy with other types of activity is not fulfilled, the authority of the National Deputy of Ukraine terminates prior to the expiration of the term on the basis of the law pursuant to a court decision.</p>	
<p>Article 82. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine works in sessions.</p> <p>The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall have authority only on condition that no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition has been elected.</p>	<p>Article 82. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine works in sessions.</p> <p>The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall have authority only on condition that no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition has been elected.</p>

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The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles for its first session no later than on the thirtieth day after the official announcement of the election results.	The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles for its first session no later than on the thirtieth day after the official announcement of the election results.
The first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is opened by the eldest National Deputy of Ukraine.	The first meeting of The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is opened by the eldest National Deputy of Ukraine.
The operational procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the law on the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.	
Article 83. Regular sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine commence on the first Tuesday of February and on the first Tuesday of September each year.	Article 83. Regular sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine commence on the first Tuesday of February and on the first Tuesday of September each year
Extraordinary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, with the stipulation of their agenda, are convoked by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the demand of no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, or on the demand of the President of Ukraine.	Extraordinary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, with the stipulation of their agenda, are convoked by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the demand of the President of Ukraine , or on the demand of no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
In the event of imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles within two days without convocation procedures.	In the event of declaring the decree of the President of Ukraine on imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine or in some single areas of Ukraine , the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine assembles within two days without convocation procedures.
In the event that the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine expires while martial law or state of emergency is in effect, its authority is extended until the day of the first meeting of the first session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, elected after lifting martial law or state of emergency.	
	The working procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be established by the Constitution of Ukraine and by the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
	Following the results of elections and on the basis of coordination and bringing together of political positions the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine forms the coalition of deputies' factions and groups of

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	<p>deputies. Such a coalition includes the majority of National Deputies making up the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine which, in line with the Constitution of Ukraine, submits proposals to the President of Ukraine on the nomination of the Prime-Minister, forms the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and is responsible for its performance.</p> <p>The coalition of deputies's factions and deputies' groups within the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is established within one month from the opening day of the first sitting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which is held after regular or early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine or within one month from the day the coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups terminates its activity.</p>
	<p>The principles for shaping coalition as well as organization and termination of its activities are established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Article 85. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine comprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) introducing amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine within the limits and according to the procedure envisaged by Chapter XIII of this Constitution; 2) designating an All-Ukrainian referendum on issues determined by Article 73 of this Constitution; 3) adopting laws; 4) approving the State Budget of Ukraine and introducing amendments to it; controlling the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine and adopting decisions in regard to the report on its implementation; 5) determining the principles of domestic and foreign policy; 6) approving national programmes of economic, scientific and technical, social, national and cultural development, and the protection of the environment; 7) designating elections of the President of Ukraine within the terms envisaged by this 	<p>Article 85. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine comprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) introducing amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine within the limits and according to the procedure envisaged by Chapter XIII of this Constitution; 2) designating an All-Ukrainian referendum on issues determined by Article 73 of this Constitution; 3) adopting laws; 4) approving the State Budget of Ukraine and introducing amendments to it; controlling the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine and adopting decisions in regard to the report on its implementation; 5) determining the principles of domestic and foreign policy; 6) approving national programmes of economic, scientific and technical, social, national and cultural development, and the protection of the environment; 7) designating elections of the President of Ukraine within the terms envisaged by this

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<p>Constitution;</p> <p>8) hearing annual and special messages of the President of Ukraine on the domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine;</p> <p>9) declaring war upon the submission of the President of Ukraine and concluding peace, approving the decision of the President of Ukraine on the use of Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;</p> <p>10) removing the President of Ukraine from office in accordance with the special procedure (impeachment) established by Article 111 of this Constitution;</p> <p>11) considering and adopting the decision in regard to the approval of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;</p>	<p>Constitution;</p> <p>8) hearing annual and special messages of the President of Ukraine on the domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine;</p> <p>9) declaring war upon the submission of the President of Ukraine and concluding peace, approving the decision of the President of Ukraine on the use of Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;</p> <p>10) removing the President of Ukraine from office in accordance with the special procedure (impeachment) established by Article 111 of this Constitution;</p> <p>11) considering and adopting the decision in regard to the approval of the programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;</p>
<p>12) giving consent to the appointment of the Prime Minister of Ukraine by the President of Ukraine;</p>	<p>12) After nomination by the President of Ukraine, appointing to office of the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Head of the National Security Service of Ukraine; appointing to office of the other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Head of the Antimonopoly Committee, the Chairman of the State Committee on Television and Radio broadcasting, the Chairman of the State Property Fund following their nomination by the Prime Minister of Ukraine; terminating the authority of the aforesaid persons, adopting a decision on the resignation of the Prime Minister of Ukraine and members of the Cabinet of Ministers;</p>
<p>13) exercising control over the activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in accordance with this Constitution;</p> <p>14) confirming decisions on granting loans and economic aid by Ukraine to foreign states and international organizations and also decisions on Ukraine receiving loans not envisaged by the State Budget of Ukraine from foreign states, banks and international financial organizations, exercising control over their use;</p>	<p>13) exercising control over the activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in accordance with this Constitution;</p> <p>14) confirming decisions on granting loans and economic aid by Ukraine to foreign states and international organizations and also decisions on Ukraine receiving loans not envisaged by the State Budget of Ukraine from foreign states, banks and international financial organizations, exercising control over their use;</p>

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<p>15) appointing or electing to office, dismissing from office, granting consent to the appointment to and the dismissal from office of persons in cases envisaged by this Constitution;</p>	<p>15) adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>
<p>16) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman and other members of the Accounting Chamber;</p> <p>17) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Authorized Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; hearing his or her annual reports on the situation regarding the observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine;</p> <p>18) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>19) appointing to office and dismissing from office one-half of the composition of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine;</p> <p>20) appointing one-half of the composition of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;</p> <p>21) appointing to office and terminating the authority of the members of the Central Electoral Commission on the submission of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>22) confirming the general structure and numerical strength, and defining the functions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Security Service of Ukraine and other military formations created in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, and also the Ministry for Internal Affairs of Ukraine;</p> <p>23) approving decisions on providing military assistance to other states, on sending units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to another state, or on admitting units of armed forces of other states into the territory of Ukraine;</p>	<p>16) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman and other members of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine;</p> <p>17) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Authorized Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; hearing his or her annual reports on the situation regarding the observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine;</p> <p>18) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>19) appointing to office and dismissing from office one-half of the composition of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine;</p> <p>20) appointing one-half of the composition of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;</p> <p>21) appointing to office and terminating the authority of the members of the Central Electoral Commission on the submission of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>22) confirming the general structure and numerical strength, and defining the functions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Security Service of Ukraine and other military formations created in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, and also the Ministry for Internal Affairs of Ukraine;</p> <p>23) approving decisions on providing military assistance to other states, on sending units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to another state, or on admitting units of armed forces of other states into the territory of Ukraine;</p>
<p>24) granting consent to the appointment to office and the dismissal from office by the President of Ukraine of the Chairman of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, the Chairman of the State Property Fund</p>	<p>24) establishing state symbols of Ukraine;</p>

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of Ukraine and the Chairman of the State Committee on Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine;	
25) granting consent to the appointment to office by the President of Ukraine of the Procurator General of Ukraine; declaring no confidence in Procurator General of Ukraine that has the result of his or her resignation from office;	25) granting consent to the appointment to office and dismissal from office by the President of Ukraine of the Procurator General of Ukraine; declaring no confidence in Procurator General of Ukraine that has the result of his or her resignation from office;
26) appointing one-third of the composition of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;	26) appointing half of the composition of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;
27) electing judges for life ;	27) electing judges for the time period of ten years ;
28) terminating prior to the expiration of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea, based on the opinion of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine that the Constitution of Ukraine or the laws of Ukraine have been violated by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea; announcing early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea; 29) establishing and abolishing districts, establishing and altering the boundaries of districts and cities, assigning inhabited localities to the category of cities, naming and renaming inhabited localities and districts; 30) scheduling regular and early elections to bodies of local self-government; 31) confirming, within two days from the moment of the address by the President of Ukraine, decrees on imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine or its particular areas, on total or partial mobilization, and on declaration of some single areas as environmental disaster zones;	28) terminating prior to the expiration of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea, based on the opinion of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine that the Constitution of Ukraine or the laws of Ukraine have been violated by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea; announcing early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea; 29) establishing and abolishing districts, establishing and altering the boundaries of districts and cities, assigning inhabited localities to the category of cities, naming and renaming inhabited localities and districts; 30) scheduling regular and early elections to bodies of local self-government; 31) confirming, within two days from the moment of the address by the President of Ukraine, decrees on imposing martial law or state of emergency in Ukraine or its particular areas, on total or partial mobilization, and on declaration of some single areas as environmental disaster zones;
32) granting consent to the binding character of international treaties of Ukraine within the term established by the law , and denouncing international treaties of Ukraine;	32) granting consent by the law to the binding character of international treaties of Ukraine and denouncing international treaties of Ukraine, the consent to the binding character of which has been provided by the law ;
33) exercising parliamentary control within the	33) exercising parliamentary control within the

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limits determined by this Constitution;	limits determined by this Constitution;
<p>34) adopting decisions on forwarding an inquiry to the President of Ukraine on demand of a National Deputy of Ukraine, a group of National Deputies or a Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine if such inquiry has been previously supported by no less than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine</p>	<p>34) approving, in the form of law, of the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea and amendments into it, establishing legal basis for the property that belongs to the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea;</p>
<p>35) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chief of Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; approving the budget of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the organizational structure of its staff;</p> <p>36) confirming the list of legal entities in state property that are not subject to privatization; determining the legal principles for the expropriation of entities in private property;</p> <p>37) The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises other powers ascribed to its competence in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>	<p>35) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chief of Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; approving the budget of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the organizational structure of its staff;</p> <p>36) confirming the list of legal entities in state property that are not subject to privatization; determining the legal principles for the expropriation of entities in private property;</p> <p>37) The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises other powers ascribed to its competence in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Article 87. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the proposal of no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of its constitutional composition, may consider the issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and pass a no confidence vote in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p> <p>The issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall not be considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine more than once during one regular session, and also within one year after the approval of the Programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.</p>	<p>Article 87. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on the proposal of the President of Ukraine or no fewer National Deputies of Ukraine than one-third of its constitutional composition, may consider the issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and pass a no confidence vote in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p> <p>The issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall not be considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine more than once during one regular session, and also within one year after the approval of the Programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine or during the last session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Article 88. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elects from among its members the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the First Deputy Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and recalls them.</p>	<p>Article 88. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elects from among its members the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the First Deputy Chairman and Deputies to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and recalls them from their offices.</p>

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	The number of deputies to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be determined by the Verkhovna Rada.
<p>The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) presides at the meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 2) organizes the preparation of issues for consideration at the meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 3) signs acts adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 4) represents the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in relations with other bodies of state power of Ukraine and with the bodies of power of other states; 5) organizes the work of the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. <p>The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises authority envisaged by the Constitution, by the procedure established by the law on the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) presides at the plenary meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 2) organizes the preparation of issues for consideration at the plenary meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 3) signs acts adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; 4) represents the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in relations with other bodies of state power of Ukraine and with the bodies of power of other states; 5) organizes the work of the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. <p>The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine exercises authority envisaged by the Constitution, by the procedure established by the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Article 89. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine approves the list of Committees of the Verkhovna Rada, and elects Chairmen to these Committees.</p>	<p>Article 89. In order to perform the work of legislative drafting, prepare and conduct the preliminary consideration of issues ascribed to its authority, exercise its control and auditing functions in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine establishes its select committees from among the National Deputies of Ukraine and elects Chairmen to such Committees, their first deputies as well as other deputies and secretaries of committees.</p>
<p>The Committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine perform the work of legislative drafting, prepare and conduct the preliminary consideration of issues ascribed to the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>	
<p>Article 90. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is terminated on the day of the opening of the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of a new convocation.</p>	<p>Article 90. The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is terminated on the opening day of the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of a new convocation.</p>
<p>The President of Ukraine may terminate the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine</p>	<p>The President of Ukraine may terminate the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of</p>

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<p>prior to the expiration of its term, if within thirty days of a single regular session the plenary sittings fail to commence.</p>	<p>Ukraine prior to the expiration of its term, if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups has not been formed within one month in line with article 83 of this Constitution; 2) the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine fails to elect the President of Ukraine within three months in line with article 103 of the Constitution of Ukraine; 3) within sixty days after the resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the individual membership of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has not been formed; 4) within thirty days of a single regular session the plenary sittings fail to commence; <p>This decision is made by the President of Ukraine after consultations with the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and his deputies and the heads of deputies' factions and deputies' groups.</p>
<p>The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which is elected through early elections conducted after the pre-term termination by the President of Ukraine of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the previous convocation, cannot be terminated within one year from the day of its election.</p>	
<p>The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine cannot be terminated prior to the expiration of term within the last six months of the term of authority of the President of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine cannot be terminated prior to the expiration of term within the last six months of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine, with the exception of the case envisaged in paragraph 2, part two of this article.</p>
<p>Article 93. The right of legislative initiative in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine belongs to the President of Ukraine, the National Deputies of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers and the National Bank of Ukraine.</p> <p>Draft laws defined by the President of Ukraine as urgent, are considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on a first priority basis.</p>	<p>Article 93. The right of legislative initiative in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine belongs to the President of Ukraine, the National Deputies of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers.</p> <p>Draft laws defined by the President of Ukraine as urgent, are considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on a first priority basis.</p>
<p>Article 94. The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine signs a law and forwards it</p>	<p>Article 94. The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine signs a law and</p>

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<p>without delay to the President of Ukraine.</p> <p>Withinn fifteen days of the receipt of a law, the the President of Ukraine signs it, accepting it for execution, and officially promulgates it, or returns it to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with substantiated and formulated proposals for repeat consideration.</p> <p>If the President of Ukraine has not returned a law for repeat consideration within the established term, the law is deemed to be approved by the President of Ukraine and shall be signed and officially promulgated.</p>	<p>forwards it without delay to the President of Ukraine.</p> <p>Withinn fifteen days of the receipt of a law, the the President of Ukraine signs it, accepting it for execution, and officially promulgates it, or returns it to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with substantiated and formulated proposals for repeat consideration.</p> <p>If the President of Ukraine has not returned a law for repeat consideration within the established term, the law is deemed to be approved by the President of Ukraine and shall be signed and officially promulgated.</p>
<p>If a law, during its repeat consideration, is again adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition, the President of Ukraine is obliged to sign and to officially promulgate it within ten days.</p>	<p>If a law, during its repeat consideration, is again adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition, the President of Ukraine is obliged to sign and to officially promulgate it within ten days. In the event of another failure by the President of Ukraine to sign such law, the latter is signed and officially promulgated by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada.</p>
<p>A law enters into force in ten days from the day of its official promulgation, unless otherwise envisaged by the law itself, but not prior to the day of its publication.</p>	<p>A law enters into force in ten days from the day of its official promulgation, unless otherwise envisaged by the law itself, but not prior to the day of its publication.</p>
<p>Article 98. The Chamber of Accounting exercises control over the use of finances of the State Budget of Ukraine on behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>	<p>Article 98. The Accounting Chamber of Ukraine exercises its control over the use of finances of the State Budget of Ukraine on behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER V PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER V PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE</p>
<p>Article 103. The President of Ukraine is elected by the citizens of Ukraine for a five-year term, on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.</p>	<p>Article 103. The President of Ukraine is elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine is considered to be elected if not less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine have voted in his or her favour by secret ballot.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine is elected for a five-year term.</p>
<p>A citizen of Ukraine who has attained the age of thirty-five, has the right to vote, has resided in Ukraine for the past ten years prior to the day of elections, and has command of the state language, may be elected as the President of Ukraine.</p>	<p>A citizen of Ukraine who has attained the age of thirty-five, has the right to vote, has resided in Ukraine for the past ten years prior to the day of elections, and has command of the state language, may be elected as the President of Ukraine.</p>

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<p>One and the same person shall not be the President of Ukraine for more than two consecutive terms.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine shall not have another representative mandate, hold office in bodies of state power or in associations of citizens, nor can he or she perform any other remunerative or business activities, be a member of an administrative body or supervisory board of any profit-making institution.</p> <p>Regular elections of the President of Ukraine are held on the last Sunday of October of the fifth year of the term of authority of the President of Ukraine, elections of the President of Ukraine are held within the ninety days from the day of termination of the authority.</p> <p>The procedure for conducting elections of the President of Ukraine is established by law.</p>	<p>One and the same person shall not be the President of Ukraine for more than two consecutive terms.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine shall not have another representative mandate, hold office in bodies of state power or in associations of citizens, nor can he or she perform any other remunerative or business activities, be a member of an administrative body or supervisory board of any profit-making institution.</p> <p>The procedure for conducting elections of the President of Ukraine is established by law.</p>
<p>Article 106. The President of Ukraine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ensures state independence, national security and legal succession of the state; 2) addresses the people with messages and addresses the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with annual and special messages on the state of domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine; 3) represents the state in international relations, administers the foreign political activity of the State, conducts negotiations and concludes international treaties of Ukraine; 4) adopt decisions on the recognition of foreign states; 5) appoints and dismisses heads of diplomatic missions of Ukraine to other states and to international organizations; accepts credentials and letters of recall of diplomatic representatives of foreign states; 6) designates an All-Ukrainian referendum regarding amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in accordance with Article 156 of this Constitution, proclaims an All-Ukrainian referendum on popular initiative; 7) designates special elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the terms established by this Constitution. 	<p>Article 106. The President of Ukraine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ensures state independence, national security and the legal succession of the state; 2) addresses the people with messages and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with annual and special messages on the domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine; 3) represents the state in international relations, administers the foreign political activity of the State, conducts negotiations and concludes international treaties of Ukraine; 4) adopt decisions on the recognition of foreign states; 5) appoints and dismisses heads of diplomatic missions of Ukraine to other states and to international organizations; accepts credentials and letters of recall of diplomatic representatives of foreign states; 6) designates an All-Ukrainian referendum regarding amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in accordance with Article 156 of this Constitution, proclaims an All-Ukrainian referendum on popular initiative; 7) designates special elections to the

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	Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the terms established by this Constitution.
8) terminates the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, if the plenary meetings fail to commence within thirty days of one regular session;	8) terminates the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in cases envisaged by the Constitution of Ukraine;
9) appoints the Prime Minister of Ukraine with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, terminates the authority of the Prime Minister of Ukraine and adopts a decision on his or her resignation;	9) following the proposal of a coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups, formed in accordance with article 83 of the Constitution of Ukraine, and after consultations with heads of such factions and groups, submits a request on the appointment of the Prime Minister of Ukraine by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine no later than on the fifteenth day after receiving such proposal.
10) appoints, on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, chief officers of other central bodies of executive power, and also the heads of local state administrations and terminates their authority in these positions;	10) forwards the submission to the Verkhovna Rada on the appointment of the Minister of Defence of Ukraine, the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
11) appoints the Procurator General of Ukraine to office with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and dismisses him or her from office;	11) appoints the Procurator General of Ukraine to office and dismisses him or her from office with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
12) appoints one-half of the composition of the Council of the National bank of Ukraine;	12) forwards the submission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on appointment the Head of Security Office of Ukraine;
13) appoints one-half of the composition of the national Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;	13) appoints one-half of the composition of the national Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;
14) appoints to office and dismisses from office, with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Chairman of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, the Chairman of the State Property Fund of Ukraine, the Chairman of the State Committee on Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine;	
15) establishes, reorganises and liquidates, on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, ministries and other central bodies of executive power, acting within the limits of funding envisaged for the	15) terminates the acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine due to their non-compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine and other laws of Ukraine with their simultaneous submission to the

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<p>maintenance of bodies of executive power; 16) revokes acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and acts of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea;</p>	<p>Constitutional Court of Ukraine concerning their constitutionality; 16) revokes acts of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea;</p>
<p>17) is the Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine; appoints to office and dismisses from office the high command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations; administers in the spheres of national security and defence of the State; 18) heads the Council of National Security and Defence of Ukraine;</p>	<p>17) is the Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine; appoints to office and dismisses from office the high command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations; administers in the spheres of national security and defence of the State; 18) heads the Council of National Security and Defence of Ukraine;</p>
<p>19) forwards the submission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the declaration of a state of war, and adopts the decision on the use of the Armed Forces in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;</p>	<p>19) forwards the submission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the declaration of a state of war, and adopts the decision on the use of the Armed Forces and other military formations in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;</p>
<p>20) adopts a decision in accordance with the law on the general or partial mobilization and the introduction of martial law in Ukraine or in its particular areas, in the event of a threat of aggression, danger to the state independence of Ukraine; 21) adopts a decision, in the event of necessity, on the introduction of a state emergency in Ukraine or in its particular areas, and also in the event of necessity, declares certain areas of Ukraine zones of an ecological emergency situation - with subsequent confirmation of these decisions by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>	<p>20) adopts a decision in accordance with the law on the general or partial mobilization and the introduction of martial law in Ukraine or in its particular areas, in the event of a threat of aggression, danger to the state independence of Ukraine; 21) adopts a decision, in the event of necessity, on the introduction of a state emergency in Ukraine or in its particular areas, and also in the event of necessity, declares certain areas of Ukraine zones of an ecological emergency situation - with subsequent confirmation of these decisions by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>
<p>22) appoints one-third of the composition to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;</p>	<p>22) appoints one half of the composition to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;</p>
<p>23) establishes courts by the procedure determined by law;</p>	<p>23) establishes courts by the procedure determined by law;</p>
<p>24) confers high military ranks, high diplomatic and other high special ranks and class orders; 25) confers state awards; establishes presidential distinctions and confers them; 26) adopts decisions on the acceptance for citizenship of Ukraine and the termination of citizenship of Ukraine, and on the granting of asylum in Ukraine;</p>	<p>24) confers high military ranks, high diplomatic and other high special ranks and class orders; 25) confers state awards; establishes presidential distinctions and confers them; 26) adopts decisions on the acceptance for citizenship of Ukraine and the termination of citizenship of Ukraine, and on the granting of asylum in Ukraine;</p>

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<p>27) grants pardons;</p> <p>28) creates, within the limits of the funds envisaged in the State Budget of Ukraine, consultative, advisory and other subsidiary bodies and services for the exercise of his or her authority;</p>	<p>27) grants pardons;</p> <p>28) creates, within the limits of the funds envisaged in the State Budget of Ukraine, consultative, advisory and other subsidiary bodies and services for the exercise of his or her authority;</p>
<p>29) signs laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>	<p>29) signs laws;</p>
<p>30) has the right to veto laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with their subsequent return for repeat consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p> <p>31) exercises other powers determined by the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>	<p>30) has the right to veto laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (except for laws on making changes to the Constitution of Ukraine) with their subsequent return for repeat consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p> <p>31) exercises other powers determined by the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The President of Ukraine shall not transfer his or her powers to other persons or bodies.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine, on the basis and for the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, issues decrees and directives that are mandatory for execution on the territory of Ukraine.</p> <p>Acts of the President of Ukraine, issued within the limits of authority as envisaged in subparagraphs 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24 of this Article, are co-signed by the prime Minister of Ukraine and the Minister responsible for the act and its execution.</p>	<p>The President of Ukraine shall not transfer his or her powers to other persons or bodies.</p> <p>The President of Ukraine, on the basis and for the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, issues decrees and directives that are mandatory for execution on the territory of Ukraine.</p> <p>Acts of the President of Ukraine, issued within the limits of authority as envisaged in subparagraphs 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24 of this Article, are co-signed by the Prime Minister of Ukraine and the Minister responsible for the act and its execution.</p>
<p>Article 112. In the event of the pre-term termination of authority of the President of Ukraine in accordance with Articles 108, 109, 110 and 111 of this Constitution, the execution of duties of the President of Ukraine, for the period pending the elections and the assumption of office of the new President of Ukraine, is vested in the Prime Minister of Ukraine. The Prime Minister of Ukraine, for the period of executing the duties of the President of Ukraine, shall not exercise the powers envisaged in subparagraphs 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22, 25 and 27 of Article 106 of the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>	<p>Article 112. In the event of the pre-term termination of authority of the President of Ukraine in accordance with Articles 108, 109, 110 and 111 of this Constitution, the execution of duties of the President of Ukraine, for the period pending the elections and the assumption of office by the new President of Ukraine, is vested in the Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, for the period of executing the duties of the President of Ukraine, shall not exercise the powers envisaged in subparagraphs 2, 6-8, 10-14, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 of Article 106 of the Constitution of Ukraine.</p>

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CHAPTER VI CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE. OTHER BODIES OF EXECUTIVE POWER	CHAPTER VI CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE. OTHER BODIES OF EXECUTIVE POWER
Article 113. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is the highest body in the system of bodies of executive power.	Article 113. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (Government of Ukraine) is the highest body in the system of bodies of executive power.
The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is responsible to the President of Ukraine and is under the control of and accountable to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the limits envisaged in Articles 85 and 87 of the Consitution of Ukraine.	The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is responsible to the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and is under the control of and accountable to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the limits envisaged by the Consitution of Ukraine.
The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is guided in its activity by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine and by the acts of the President of Ukraine.	The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is guided in its activity by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine and by the acts of the President of Ukraine.
Article 114. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is composed of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the First Vice Prime Minister, three Vice Prime Ministers and the Ministers.	Article 114. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is composed of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the First Vice Prime Minister, three Vice Prime Ministers and Ministers.
The Prime Minister of Ukraine is appointed by the President of Ukraine with the consent of more than one-half of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.	The Prime Minister of Ukraine is appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine.
The personal composition of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is appointed by the President of Ukraine on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine.	The President of Ukraine nominates the Prime Minister of Ukraine on the proposal of a coalition of deputies' factions and deputies' groups formed in line with Article 83 of the Constitution of Ukraine after relevant consultations with heads of deputies' factions and deputies' groups. The Minister of Defence of Ukraine and the Minister of Foreign Affairs are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the President of Ukraine, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine.
The Prime Minister of Ukraine manages the work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and directs it for the implementation of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.	The Prime Minister of Ukraine manages the work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and steers it towards the implementation of the Programme of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of

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	Ukraine.
<p>The Prime Minister of Ukraine forwards a submission to the President of Ukraine on the establishment, reorganization and liquidation of ministries and other central bodies of executive power, within the funds envisaged by the State Budget of Ukraine for the maintenance of these bodies.</p>	
<p>Article 115. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine tenders its resignation to the newly-elected President of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The Prime Minister of Ukraine tenders its resignation to the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The Prime Minister of Ukraine, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, have the right to announce their resignation to the President of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The Prime Minister of Ukraine, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, have the right to announce their resignation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The resignation of the Prime Minister of Ukraine results in the resignation of the entire Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The resignation of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine results in the resignation of the entire Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. In such cases the Prime Minister of Ukraine is obliged to submit a statement of resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The adoption of the resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine results in the resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.</p>	
<p>The Cabinet of Ministers, whose resignation is accepted by the President of Ukraine, continues to exercise its powers by commission of the President, until a newly-formed Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine commences its operation, but no longer than for sixty days.</p>	<p>The Cabinet of Ministers, whose resignation is accepted, continues to exercise its powers until a newly-formed Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine commences its operation but no longer than for sixty days.</p>
<p>The Prime Minister of Ukraine is obliged to submit a statement of resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to the President of Ukraine following a decision by the President of Ukraine or in connection with the adoption of the resolution of no confidence by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>	
<p>Article 116. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine:</p>	<p>Article 116. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine:</p>

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<p>1) ensures the state sovereignty and economic independence of Ukraine, the implementation of domestic and foreign policy of the State, the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, and the acts of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>2) takes measures to ensure human and citizens' rights and freedoms;</p> <p>3) ensures the implementation of financial, pricing, investment and taxation policy; the policy in the spheres of labour and employment of the population, social security, education, science and culture, environmental protection, ecological safety and the utilization of nature;</p> <p>4) elaborates and implements national programmes of economic, scientific and technological, and social and cultural development of Ukraine;</p> <p>5) ensures equal conditions of development of all forms of ownership; administers the management of objects of state property in accordance with the law;</p>	<p>1) ensures the state sovereignty and economic independence of Ukraine, the implementation of domestic and foreign policy of the State, the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, and the acts of the President of Ukraine;</p> <p>2) takes measures to ensure human and citizens' rights and freedoms;</p> <p>3) ensures the implementation of financial, pricing, investment and taxation policy; the policy in the spheres of labour and employment of the population, social security, education, science and culture, environmental protection, ecological safety and the utilization of nature;</p> <p>4) elaborates and implements national programmes of economic, scientific and technological, and social and cultural development of Ukraine;</p> <p>5) ensures equal conditions of development of all forms of ownership; administers the management of objects of state property in accordance with the law;</p>
<p>6) elaborates the draft law on the State Budget of Ukraine and ensures the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and submits a report on its implementation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>	<p>6) elaborates the draft law on the State Budget of Ukraine and ensures the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and submits a draft law on making changes into the law on the State Budget of Ukraine as well as a report on its implementation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;</p>
<p>7) takes measures to ensure the defence capabilities and national security of Ukraine, public order and to combat crime;</p> <p>8) organises and ensures the implementation of the foreign economic activity of Ukraine, and the operation of customs;</p> <p>9) directs and co-ordinates the operation of ministries and other bodies of executive power;</p>	<p>7) takes measures to ensure the defence capabilities and national security of Ukraine, public order and to combat crime;</p> <p>8) organises and ensures the implementation of the foreign economic activity of Ukraine, and the operation of customs;</p> <p>9) directs and co-ordinates the operation of ministries and other bodies of executive power;</p>
	<p>10) establishes, reorganizes and liquidates ministries and other central bodies of executive power acting within the limits of funds provided for maintenance of the bodies of executive power;</p> <p>11) appoints, on the submission of the</p>

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	<p>Prime Minister of Ukraine and in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, heads of central bodies of executive power that are not in the composition of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, heads of local state administrations and terminates authority of such persons in their respective offices;</p> <p>12) appoints one-half of the composition of the National Bank of Ukraine;</p>
<p>10) performs other functions determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, and legal acts of the president of Ukraine.</p>	<p>13) performs other functions determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, and legal acts of the president of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Article 118. The executive power in oblasts, districts, and in the Cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol is exercised by local state administrations.</p> <p>Particular aspects of the exercise of executive power in the Cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol are determined by special laws of Ukraine.</p> <p>The composition of local state administrations is formed by heads of local state administrations.</p>	<p>Article 118. The executive power in oblasts, districts, and in the Cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol is exercised by local state administrations.</p> <p>Particular aspects of the exercise of executive power in the Cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol are determined by special laws of Ukraine.</p> <p>The composition of local state administrations is formed by heads of local state administrations.</p>
<p>Heads of local state administrations are appointed to office and dismissed from office by the President of Ukraine upon the submission of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.</p>	<p>Heads of local state administrations are appointed to office and dismissed from office by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine upon the submission of the Prime Minister of Ukraine.</p>
<p>In the exercise of their duties, the heads of local state administrations are responsible to the President of Ukraine and to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and are accountable to and under the control of the bodies of executive power of a higher level.</p> <p>Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of councils in the part of the authority delegated to them by the respective district or oblast councils.</p> <p>Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of of the bodies of executive power of a higher level.</p> <p>Decisions of the heads of local state administrations that contravene the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, other acts of legislation of Ukraine, may be revoked by the President of Ukraine or by the head of the local</p>	<p>In the exercise of their duties, the heads of local state administrations are responsible to the President of Ukraine and to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and are accountable to and under the control of the bodies of executive power of a higher level.</p> <p>Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of councils in the part of the authority delegated to them by the respective district or oblast councils.</p> <p>Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of of the bodies of executive power of a higher level.</p> <p>Decisions of the heads of local state administrations that contravene the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine, other acts of legislation of Ukraine, may be revoked</p>

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<p>state administration of a high level, in accordance with the law.</p> <p>An oblast or district council may express a vote of no confidence in the head of the respective local state administration, on which grounds the President of Ukraine adopts a decision and provides a substantial reply.</p>	<p>by the President of Ukraine or by the head of the local state administration of a higher level, in accordance with the law.</p> <p>An oblast or district council may express a vote of no confidence in the head of the respective local state administration, on which grounds the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopts a decision and provides a substantial reply.</p>
<p>If two-thirds of the deputies of the composition of the respective council express no confidence in the head of a district or oblast state administration, the President of Ukraine adopts a decision on the resignation of the head of the local state administration.</p>	<p>If two-thirds of the deputies of the composition of the respective council express no confidence in the head of a district or oblast state administration, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopts a decision on the resignation of the head of the local state administration.</p>
<p>Article 120. Members of the Cabinet of Ukraine and chief officers of central and local bodies of executive power do not have the right to combine their official activity with other work, except teaching, scholarly and creative activity outside of working hours, or to be members of an administrative body or supervisory board of any profit-making institution.</p>	<p>Article 120. Members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and chief executives of central and local bodies of executive power do not have the right to combine their official activity with any other work (except for the cases envisaged by part two of this article as well as teaching, scholarly and creative activity outside of working hours), or to be members of an administrative body or supervisory board of any profit-making institution.</p>
	<p>Ministers and other heads of central bodies of executive power may combine their official activity with their representative mandate of the National Deputy of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The organization, authority and operational procedure of the Cabinet of Ministers, and other central and local bodies of executive power, are determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The organization, authority and operational procedure of the Cabinet of Ministers, and other central and local bodies of executive power, are determined by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.</p>
<p>CHAPTER VII</p>	<p>CHAPTER VII</p>
<p>PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE</p>	<p>PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE</p>
<p>Article 121. The prosecutor's office of Ukraine constitutes a unified system that is entrusted with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) prosecution in court on behalf of the State; 2) representation of the interests of a citizen or of the State in court in cases determined by law; 3) supervision over observance of laws by bodies that conduct detective and search 	<p>Article 121. The prosecutor's office of Ukraine constitutes a unified system that is entrusted with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) prosecution in court on behalf of the State; 2) representation of the interests of a citizen or of the State in court in cases determined by law; 3) supervision over observance of laws by bodies that conduct detective and search

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<p>activities, inquiry and pre-trial investigation;</p> <p>4) supervision over the observance of laws in the execution of a judicial decisions in criminal cases, and also in the application of other measures of coercion related to the restraint of personal; liberty of citizens.</p>	<p>activities, inquiry and pre-trial investigation;</p> <p>4) supervision over the observance of laws in the execution of a judicial decisions in criminal cases, and also in the application of other measures of coercion related to the restraint of personal; liberty of citizens.</p> <p>5) supervision over the observance of human and citizens' rights and freedoms, compliance with the laws on such issues by the bodies of state power, bodies of local power and their officers and civil servants.</p>
<p>Article 122. The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine is headed by the Prosecutor General, who is appointed to office, with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and dismissed from office by the President of Ukraine.</p> <p>The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine may express a vote of no confidence in the Prosecutor General of Ukraine that results in his or her resignation from office.</p> <p>The term of authority of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine is five years.</p>	<p>Article 122. The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine is headed by the Prosecutor General, who is appointed to office and dismissed from office, with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, by the President of Ukraine.</p> <p>The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine may express a vote of no confidence in the Prosecutor General of Ukraine that results in his or her resignation from office.</p> <p>The term of authority of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine is five years.</p>
CHAPTER VIII	CHAPTER VIII
JUSTICE	JUSTICE
<p>Article 126. The independence and immunity of judges are guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.</p> <p>Influencing judges in any manner is prohibited.</p> <p>A judge shall not be detained or arrested without the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, until a verdict of guilty is rendered by court.</p>	<p>Article 126. The independence and immunity of judges are guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.</p> <p>Influencing judges in any manner is prohibited.</p> <p>A judge shall not be detained or arrested without the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, until a verdict of guilty is rendered by court.</p>
<p>Judges hold offices for permanent term, except judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, and judges appointed to the office of judge for the first time.</p>	<p>Judges are elected to their offices for the period of ten years, except for justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, and judges appointed to the office of judge for the first time.</p>
<p>A judge is dismissed from office by the body that has elected or appointed him or her in the event of:</p> <p>1) the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected or appointed;</p>	<p>A judge is dismissed from office by the body that has elected or appointed him or her in the event of:</p> <p>1) the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected or appointed;</p>
<p>2) the judge's attainment of the age of sixty-five;</p>	<p>2) the judge's attainment of the age of sixty-five and attainment of the age of seventy</p>

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	by the justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;
<p>3) the impossibility to exercise his or her authority for reasons of health;</p> <p>4) the violation by the judge of requirements concerning incompatibility;</p> <p>5) the breach of oath by the judge;</p> <p>6) the entry into legal force of a verdict of guilty against him or her;</p> <p>7) the termination of his or her citizenship;</p> <p>8) the declaration that he or she is missing, or the pronouncement that he or she is dead;</p> <p>9) the submission by the judge of a statement of resignation or of voluntary dismissal from office.</p> <p>The authority of the judge terminates in the event of his or her death;</p> <p>The State ensures personal security of judges and their families.</p>	<p>3) the impossibility to exercise his or her authority for reasons of health;</p> <p>4) the violation by the judge of requirements concerning incompatibility;</p> <p>5) the breach of oath by the judge;</p> <p>6) the entry into legal force of a verdict of guilty against him or her;</p> <p>7) the termination of his or her citizenship;</p> <p>8) the declaration that he or she is missing, or the pronouncement that he or she is dead;</p> <p>9) the submission by the judge of a statement of resignation or of voluntary dismissal from office.</p> <p>The authority of the judge terminates in the event of his or her death;</p> <p>The State ensures personal security of judges and their families.</p>
<p>Article 128. The first appointment of a professional judge to office for a five-year term is made by the President of Ukraine. All other judges, except for the judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, are elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for permanent terms according to the procedure established by law.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Supreme Court of Ukraine is elected to office and dismissed from office by the Plenary Assembly of the Supreme Court of Ukraine by secret ballot, by the procedure established by law.</p>	<p>Article 128. The first appointment of a professional judge to office for a five-year term is made by the President of Ukraine. All other judges, except for the justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, are elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for the period of ten years according to the procedure established by law.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Supreme Court of Ukraine is elected to office and dismissed from office by the Plenary Assembly of the Supreme Court of Ukraine by secret ballot, according to the procedure established by law.</p>
CHAPTER XI	CHAPTER XI
LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT	LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
<p>Article 141. A village, settlement and city council is composed of deputies elected for a four-year term by residents of a village, settlement and city on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.</p>	<p>Article 141. A village, settlement, city, rayon, oblast council is composed of deputies elected for a four-year term by residents of a village, settlement, city, rayon, oblast on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.</p>
<p>Territorial communities elect for a four-year term on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot, the head of the village, settlement and city, respectively, who leads the executive body of the council and presides at its meetings.</p> <p>The status of heads, deputies and executive bodies of a council and their authority, the</p>	<p>Territorial communities elect for a four-year term on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot, the head of the village, settlement and city, respectively, who leads the executive body of the council and presides at its meetings.</p> <p>The status of heads, deputies and executive bodies of a council and their</p>

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<p>procedure for their establishment, reorganization and liquidation, are determined by law.</p> <p>The Chairman of a district council and the chairman of an oblast council are elected by the respective council and lead the executive staff of the council.</p>	<p>authority, the procedure for their establishment, reorganization and liquidation, are determined by law.</p> <p>The Chairman of a district council and the chairman of an oblast council are elected by the respective council and lead the executive staff of the council.</p>
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<p>Article 148. The Constitutional Court of Ukraine is composed of eighteen judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.</p>	<p>Article 148. The Constitutional Court of Ukraine is composed of eighteen judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.</p>
<p>The President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Congress of Judges of Ukraine each appoint six judges to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.</p>	<p>The President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine each appoint nine judges to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.</p>