

## **LAW OF UKRAINE**

### **On Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine**

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The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall resolve:

I. To amend the Constitution of Ukraine (Vidomosti Verkhovnoyi Rady Ukrainy, 1996, No. 30, p. 141) as follows:

1. To revise Article 81 as follows:

“Article 81. The powers of the people’s deputies of Ukraine shall terminate with the termination of the powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The powers of a people’s deputy of Ukraine shall be subject to early termination in the event of:

- 1) resignation by virtue of a personal application;
- 2) guilty verdict against him/her entering into legal force;
- 3) court declaring them legally incapable or missing;
- 4) termination of his/her citizenship or his/her departure from Ukraine for permanent residence abroad;
- 5) his/her failure to remedy the circumstances causing a breach in the incompatibility requirements of his/her mandate with other activities within twenty days after the commencement of such circumstances;
- 6) his/her death.

The powers of a people’s deputy of Ukraine shall also be terminated in case of early termination of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in compliance

with the Constitution of Ukraine on the date when the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of a new convocation opens its first meeting.

A decision on early termination of a people's deputy's powers in cases stipulated in items 1 and 4 of the second paragraph of this Article shall be made by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, whereas in cases stipulated by item 5 of the second paragraph of this Article – by the court.

Should a guilty verdict against a people's deputy of Ukraine enter into legal force or should a people's deputy of Ukraine be found legally incapable or missing, the powers of the people's deputy shall be terminated when the relevant court decision comes into force, and in case of the death of a people's deputy of Ukraine – from the date of death confirmed by the certificate of death.”;

2. To revise the second paragraph of Article 82 as follows:

“The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be legally constituted provided at least two-thirds of people's deputies of Ukraine of its constitutional membership have been elected and have given an oath.”

3. To revise Article 83 as follows:

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

Special sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be convened, with the stipulation of the agenda, by the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, at the request of the President of Ukraine or at the request of at least one-third of people's deputies of Ukraine of the constitutional membership of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Should a Decree of the President of Ukraine declare a state of martial law or of emergency in Ukraine or in certain regions of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall hold a meeting within two days without convocation.

If the term of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine expires while a state of martial law or of emergency is in effect, its powers shall be extended until the day when the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elected after the cancellation of the state of martial law or of emergency convenes its first meeting of the first session.

A parliamentary coalition comprising a majority of people's deputies of Ukraine in the constitutional membership of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be formed in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the basis of harmonisation of the political platforms.

A parliamentary coalition in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall, in accordance with the Constitution, present to the President of Ukraine for his approval a candidate for the position of the Prime Minister of Ukraine as well as in accordance with the Constitution shall present candidates for the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

A parliamentary coalition in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be formed within thirty days from the date of opening of the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine held upon regular or extraordinary elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine or within thirty days from the date when activities of a parliamentary coalition in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine terminated.

The activity of a parliamentary opposition shall be guaranteed in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The organisation and the rules of procedure for a parliamentary coalition and parliamentary opposition in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be established by the Law On Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.”

4. To revise Article 85 as follows:

“Article 85. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall have the following powers:

1) to introduce amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine within the limits and in compliance with the procedure stipulated in Title XIII of this Constitution;

2) to call the All-Ukrainian referendum on issues indicated in Article 73 of this Constitution;

3) to adopt laws;

4) to approve the State Budget of Ukraine and amend thereof, to supervise the implementation of the State Budget of Ukraine and adopt a decision in regard to the report on implementation thereof;

5) to establish the principles of domestic and foreign policy;

6) to approve national programmes for economic, scientific, technical, social, national, and cultural development and protection of the environment;

7) to call elections for the President of Ukraine within the period stipulated by this Constitution;

8) to hear annual and extraordinary addresses of the President of Ukraine on the domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine;

9) to declare war, upon the submission of a proposal by the President of Ukraine, and make peace, approve a 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) to remove the President of Ukraine from the office in accordance with a special procedure (impeachment) as provided for in Article 111 of this Constitution;

11) to consider and adopt decisions on the approval of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

12) to appoint, upon the submission of a proposal by the President of Ukraine, the Prime Minister of Ukraine; to appoint, decide on resignation, upon the submission of a proposal by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, of members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; to dismiss them from the office, to decide on resignation of the Prime Minister of Ukraine;

12<sup>1</sup>) to give consent to the appointment of the Head of the Security Service of Ukraine by the President of Ukraine;

12<sup>2</sup>) to give consent to the appointment of the Head of the Bureau of Investigation by the President of Ukraine; to express no-confidence in the Head of the Bureau of Investigation resulting in his/her resignation from the office;

13) to control over the activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in accordance with this Constitution and law;

14) to approve decisions on granting loans and economic aid by Ukraine to foreign states and international organisations as well as decisions on receiving loans by Ukraine, other than those stipulated by the State Budget of Ukraine, from foreign states, banks, and international financial organisations, and to control over the use of such funds;

15) to adopt the Law On Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

16) to appoint and dismiss the Chairperson and other members of the Accounts Chamber;

17) to appoint and dismiss the Authorised Human Rights Representative to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; and to hear the Representative's annual reports on the state of affairs in the sphere of observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine;

18) to appoint and dismiss the Chairperson of the National Bank of Ukraine upon the submission of a proposal by the President of Ukraine;

19) to appoint and dismiss half the total members of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine;

20) to appoint and dismiss half the total members of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;

21) to appoint and remove from the office the members of the Central Election Commission upon the submission of a proposal by the President of Ukraine;

22) to approve the general structure, and number of staff of the Security Service of Ukraine, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and other military formations

established in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, as well as of the Ministry of Interior of Ukraine, and specification of the functions of the same;

23) to approve decisions on providing military assistance to other states, on sending the Ukrainian Armed Forces units to another state or on admitting units of armed forces of other states to the territory of Ukraine;

24) to establish the State symbols of Ukraine;

25) to grant consent for the appointment by the President of Ukraine of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine; to express no-confidence in the Prosecutor General of Ukraine resulting in his/her resignation from the office;

26) to appoint and dismiss one-third of the members of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;

27) to elect judges for indefinite terms;

28) to call extraordinary elections for the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea;

29) to establish and abolish districts, to establish and alter boundaries of districts and cities, to grant the status of a city to localities, to name and rename localities and districts;

30) to call regular and extraordinary elections to local self-government bodies;

31) to approve, within two days from the date of submission by the President of Ukraine, the decrees on introducing a state of martial law or of emergency in Ukraine or in its some areas, on declaring total or partial mobilisation, and on declaring particular areas to be ecological emergency zones;

32) to grant, by adopting a law, the consent to the binding nature of international treaties of Ukraine, and to denounce international treaties of Ukraine;

33) to exercise parliamentary control within the scope provided for by this Constitution and law;

34) to adopt decisions on forwarding an inquiry to the President of Ukraine upon request of a people's deputy of Ukraine, a group of people's deputies of Ukraine, or a Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine provided such a

request has been previously supported by no less than one-third of the constitutional membership of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

35) to appoint and dismiss the Head of Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; approve the budget of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the structure of its staff;

36) to adopt the list of objects owned by the State and not subject to privatisation and establish legal principles regarding the expropriation of private property;

37) to approve by the law the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and amendments thereto.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall also exercise other powers falling within its competence under the Constitution of Ukraine.”

5. To revise the third paragraph of Article 88 as follows:

“The Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall exercise the powers as stipulated by this Constitution in compliance with the procedure established by the Law On Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine”.

6. To revise Article 90 as follows:

“Article 90. The powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be terminated on the day when the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of a new convocation opens its first meeting.

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

1) the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine fails to form a parliamentary coalition in compliance with Article 83 of this Constitution within thirty days;

2) no new Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has been formed within sixty days after withdrawal from powers by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in compliance with the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Constitution of Ukraine or the resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

3) plenary sessions fail to commence within thirty days of a single regular session.

A decision on an early termination of the powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine shall be taken by the President of Ukraine upon consultations with the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Vice-Chairpersons, and chairpersons of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elected at extraordinary elections held after the early termination of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the previous convocation by the President of Ukraine shall not be terminated within one year from the date of its election.

The powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine may not be subject to early termination by the President of Ukraine within the last six months of the term of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine or the President of Ukraine.”

7. To revise Article 106 as follows:

“Article 106. The President of Ukraine shall:

- 1) ensure the independence, national security, and legal succession of the State;
- 2) address the people, deliver annual and extraordinary speeches on the domestic and foreign situation of Ukraine to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 3) represent the State in international relations, administer the foreign political activity of the State, conduct negotiations and conclude international treaties of Ukraine;
- 4) adopt decisions on the recognition of foreign states;
- 5) appoint and dismiss heads of diplomatic missions of Ukraine to other states and to international organisations; accept credentials and letters of recall of diplomatic representatives of foreign states;
- 6) appoint the All-Ukrainian referendum regarding amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in accordance with Article 156 of this Constitution, and proclaim the All-Ukrainian referendum initiated through the popular initiative;

7) designate extraordinary elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine within the term established by this Constitution;

8) terminate the powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in cases stipulated by this Constitution;

8<sup>1</sup>) terminate the powers of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or a self-government body before expiration of the term in the case stipulated by this Constitution;

9) submit, on appeal by the parliamentary coalition in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, a proposal regarding the appointment by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the Prime Minister of Ukraine no later than fifteen days after the receipt of such appeal;

9<sup>1</sup>) agree upon the proposal by the Prime Minister of Ukraine on appointment by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the Minister of Defence of Ukraine and the Minister Foreign Affairs of Ukraine;

9<sup>2</sup>) appoint and dismiss the Chairperson of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, chairpersons and members of national commissions in charge of state regulation of natural monopolies, communication and informatisation sectors, stock and financial services markets;

10) appoint and dismiss Representative of the President of Ukraine to regions and districts;

11) appoint, subject to the consent by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and dismiss the Prosecutor General of Ukraine;

12) submit a proposal on the appointment and dismissal by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the Chairperson of the National Bank of Ukraine; appoint and dismiss one half of the membership of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine;

13) appoint and dismiss one half of the membership of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting;

14) appoint, subject to the consent by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and dismiss the Head of the Security Service of Ukraine;

14<sup>1</sup>) appoint and dismiss the Head of the External Intelligence Service of Ukraine;

14<sup>2</sup>) appoint, subject to the consent by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and dismiss the Head of the State Bureau of Investigation;

15) suspend the operation of acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the ground of their inconsistency with this Constitution and challenge concurrently the constitutionality of such acts before the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;

16) revoke acts of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea; upon submission by the Representative of the President of Ukraine to the respective region, suspend the operation of a decision made by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or a local self-government body on the ground of its inconsistency with the Constitution of Ukraine and challenge concurrently the constitutionality of such decision before the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;

17) be the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine; appoint and dismiss the high command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations; administer the national security and defence of the State;

18) head the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine;

19) submit to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine a declaration of a state of war, and adopt a decision on the use of the Armed Forces and other military formations established in compliance with laws of Ukraine in the event of armed aggression against Ukraine;

20) adopt, in accordance with law, a decision on the general or partial mobilisation and the introduction of martial law in Ukraine or in its particular territories, in the event of a threat of aggression or danger to the independence of Ukraine;

21) adopt, if necessary, a decision on the introduction of a state of emergency in Ukraine or in its particular territories, or declare certain territories of Ukraine as zones of an ecological emergency situation with the subsequent confirmation of such decisions by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

- 22) appoint and dismiss one-third of the membership of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine;
- 23) establish courts in compliance with a procedure determined by law;
- 24) confer high military, high diplomatic, and other high special ranks and class orders;
- 25) confer state awards; establish and confer presidential distinctions;
- 26) adopt decisions on granting the citizenship of Ukraine, termination of the citizenship of Ukraine, and on granting asylum in Ukraine;
- 27) grant pardons;
- 28) create, within the limits of the funds stipulated in the State Budget of Ukraine, consultative, advisory, and other subsidiary bodies and services assisting in the exercise of Presidential authority;
- 29) sign laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 30) have the right to veto laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (except for the laws on introducing amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine) with their subsequent return for reconsideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- 31) exercise other powers determined by the Constitution of Ukraine.

The President of Ukraine shall not delegate his/her powers to other persons or bodies.

The President of Ukraine shall, on the basis and in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, issue decrees and directives mandatory for the execution on the territory of Ukraine.

Acts of the President of Ukraine issued within the limits of authority stipulated in items 5, 18, 21, and 23 of this Article shall be countersigned by the Prime Minister of Ukraine and the Minister responsible for the act and implementation thereof.

8. To revise the fifth paragraph of Article 107 as follows:

“The Prime Minister of Ukraine, the Minister of Defence of Ukraine, the Head of the Security Service of Ukraine, the Head of External Intelligence Service of Ukraine, the Minister of Interior of Ukraine, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, shall be *ex officio* members of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine.”

9. To add Article 107<sup>1</sup>, a new one, to the Constitution of Ukraine as follows:

“Article 107<sup>1</sup>. The Representatives of the President of Ukraine shall act in regions and districts. The Representatives of the President of Ukraine to regions shall coordinate the activity of the Representatives of the President of Ukraine to districts.

The Representatives of the President of Ukraine shall be appointed and dismissed by the President of Ukraine.

The Representatives of the President of Ukraine shall on the respective territory:

1) supervise that acts of local self-government bodies and territorial bodies of central executive power bodies comply with the Constitution and laws of Ukraine;

2) coordinate the interaction of territorial bodies of central executive power bodies;

3) direct and organise the activity of all territorial bodies of central executive power bodies and local self-government bodies in the state of emergency or of martial law;

4) execute any other powers set forth by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

In the exercise of their duties, the Representatives of the President of Ukraine shall be responsible before, accountable to and be under control of the President of Ukraine.

Decisions of the Representatives of the President of Ukraine contradicting the Constitution and laws of Ukraine or other acts of legislation of Ukraine shall be revoked by the President of Ukraine.

Particular aspects of organisation and operation of the Representatives of the President of Ukraine to regions and districts shall be established by the law.”

10. To revise Article 114 as follows:

“Article 114. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall be comprised of the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the First Vice-Prime Minister, Vice-Prime Ministers and Ministers.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine shall be appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine upon the submission of a proposal by the President of Ukraine.

The candidature for the appointment as the Prime Minister of Ukraine shall be introduced by the President of Ukraine on the basis of a proposal of the parliamentary coalition of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall be appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine upon the submission of a proposal by the Prime Minister of Ukraine.

The Minister of Defence of Ukraine and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine shall be appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine upon the submission of a proposal by the Prime Minister of Ukraine to be agreed upon by the President of Ukraine.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine shall manage the work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and direct such work for the implementation of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.”

11. To delete Article 118.

12. To delete Article 119.

13. To delete item 5 of the first paragraph of Article 121.

14. To revise the first paragraph of Article 122 as follows:

“Article 122. The public prosecution of Ukraine shall be headed by the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, appointed to the office subject to the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and dismissed from the office by the President of Ukraine. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine may express no-confidence in the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, which shall entail his/her resignation from the office.”

15. To revise Article 132 as follows:

“Article 132. The administrative and territorial structure of Ukraine shall be based on the principles of unity and integrity of the State territory, decentralisation in the exercise of the state power, ubiquity and capacity of local self-government, sustainable development of administrative and territorial units taking into consideration their historical, economic, ecological, geographic, and demographic characteristics, ethnic and cultural traditions.”

16. To revise Article 133 as follows:

“Article 133. The system of the administrative and territorial structure shall include administrative and territorial units: regions, districts, communities.

The conditions of and the procedure for establishment, liquidation, changes in the boundaries, naming and renaming of administrative and territorial units and localities within regions shall be established by the law.

Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Vinnytsia Region, Volyn Region, Dnipropetrovsk Region, Donetsk Region, Zhytomyr Region, Zakarpattia Region,

Zaporizhia Region, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Kyiv Region, Kirovohrad Region, Luhansk Region, Lviv Region, Mykolayiv Region, Odesa Region, Poltava Region, Rivne Region, Sumy Region, Ternopil Region, Kharkiv Region, Kherson Region, Khmelnytskyi Region, Cherkasy Region, Chernivtsi Region and Chernihiv Region, the City of Kyiv, and the City of Sevastopol shall be the regions of Ukraine.

The status and the administrative and territorial structure of the city of Kyiv as the capital of Ukraine and of the city of Sevastopol shall be established by the respective laws of Ukraine.

A community shall be an administrative and territorial unit established in the procedure determined by the law which includes one or more localities (a village, a settlement, or a city) and the adjacent territories.”

17. To delete Article 139.

18. To revise Article 140 as follows:

“Article 140. Local self-governance shall be the right and ability of residents of communities to independently resolve issues of local significance in the interests of local residents both directly and through local self-government bodies within the scope of the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

Local self-government bodies of a community shall respectively comprise the head of the community – the head of the village, settlement or city; the council of the community – the village, settlement or city council; and the executive body of the council.

The district council and its executive body shall be the local self-government bodies representing common interests of the district communities.

The regional council and its executive body shall be the local self-government bodies representing common interests of communities in the region.

The issues of organisation of the administration of city districts and establishment, reorganisation and liquidation of city districts shall fall within the competence of the respective city councils.

The powers shall be differentiated within the system of local self-government bodies and their executive bodies of different levels based on the principle of subsidiarity.

Local self-government bodies operating on the regional level shall exercise the powers set forth by the law which, based on the scope and nature of tasks and the requirements to achieve efficiency and economy, may be performed in the best way at that level.

Particular aspects of organisation of self-governance in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol shall be established by the respective laws of Ukraine.

Village, settlement and city councils may delegate some of competence of their executive bodies to popular self-organisation bodies.”

19. To revise Article 141 as follows:

“Article 141. Village, settlement, city, district or regional councils shall comprise deputies elected by residents of communities on the basis of universal, equal, and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

The powers of the village, settlement, city, district or regional council whose deputies were elected upon regular election shall be granted for five years. Termination of powers of the village, settlement, city, district or regional council shall entail termination of powers granted to deputies of the respective council.

The procedure for formation of district and regional councils shall ensure representation of communities.

Residents of communities shall elect respectively the head of the village, settlement, or city, who shall head the executive body of the council and preside at its meetings, on the basis of universal, equal, and direct suffrage by secret ballot. The powers of the head of the village, settlement or city elected upon regular election shall be granted for five years.

The village, settlement, city, district or regional council, the head of the village, settlement, or city elected upon extraordinary election shall exercise their

powers until the new membership of the council or the new head of the village, settlement, or city has been elected at the next regular elections.

Regular elections of the village, settlement, city, district or regional councils, the head of the village, settlement, or city shall be held on the last Sunday of October of the fifth anniversary of the powers of the respective council or the respective head elected upon regular elections.

The status of heads of villages, settlements, or cities and their powers, the procedures of their establishment, reorganisation, and liquidation of executive bodies of local councils, and other powers shall be determined by law.

The head of a district council shall be elected from among deputies of the council and shall head its executive body. The district council shall, upon submission of the proposal by the elected head, form the membership of executive body of council.

The head of a regional council shall be elected from among deputies of the council and shall head its executive body. The regional council shall, upon submission of the proposal by the elected head, form the membership of executive body of council.”

20. To revise Article 142 as follows:

“Article 142. Moveable and immovable property, revenues of local budgets, including local taxes and levies, a part of national taxes, land, natural resources owned by village, settlement, or city communities and objects owned by district and regional councils shall be the material and financial basis for local self-government.

The level of financial resources of local self-government bodies shall correspond to the powers set forth by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

Expenditures of local self-government bodies arising from the decisions of state power bodies shall be reimbursed by the State.”

21. To revise Article 143 as follows:

“Article 143. Local self-government bodies and their officials shall resolve matters of local self-governance assigned by the law to their competence.

Village, settlement, city, district, or regional councils may, in compliance with a procedure established by law, grant the special language status to the Russian language and other languages of the national minorities of Ukraine within the boundaries of the respective administrative and territorial unit.

Certain powers of executive power bodies may be assigned by law to local self-government bodies. The State shall finance the exercise of such powers from the State Budget of Ukraine in full or through the allocation of certain national taxes to a local budget in compliance with a procedure established by law, and transfer the relevant objects of state property to local self-government bodies.”

22. To revise Article 144 as follows:

“Article 144. Local self-government bodies, within the scope determined by law, shall adopt decisions mandatory for execution throughout the respective territory.

Upon submission of a proposal by the Representative of the President of Ukraine to the respective region, the operation of a decision made by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or local self-government body shall be suspended by the President of Ukraine on the ground of its inconsistency with the Constitution of Ukraine with concurrent challenge of the constitutionality of such decision before the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

Decisions of local self-government bodies shall, in compliance with the procedure and in terms set forth by the law, be suspended by Representatives of the President of Ukraine to the respective region or district on the ground of their inconsistency with laws of Ukraine with concurrent appeal to the court.

Violation of the Constitution of Ukraine by a decision of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or a local self-government body as established by the Constitutional Court of Ukraine shall serve as a reason for early

termination of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or the local self-government body by the President of Ukraine.”

23. To add the third paragraph, a new one, to Article 151 as follows:

“On appeal of the President of Ukraine, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine shall provide an opinion on violation of the Constitution of Ukraine by a decision of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or a local self-government body.”

II. This Law shall enter into force on the day following the date of its official publications except for amendments in item 28 of the first paragraph of Article 85, items 8<sup>1</sup>, 10, and 16 of the first paragraph of Article 106, Articles 107<sup>1</sup>, 118, 119, 132, 133, 139 to 144 of the Constitution of Ukraine which shall enter into force on the day when heads of villages, settlements or cities, and local councils elected at the next regular elections acquire their powers.

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine,  
Chairperson