

Ukraine's obligations and commitments to the Council of Europe in regard to audiovisual media services

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Obligations and commitments to the Council of Europe

The resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe No. 1466 (2005). Honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine dated October 5, 2005:

- ☐ transformation of the state broadcasters into public service broadcasting channels;
- ☐ privatization of the printed media founded by public authorities;
- ☐ guarantees for the transparency of media ownership;
- ☐ creation of equal conditions for the functioning of all media;
- ☐ ratification of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television;
- ☐ ensuring that the new version of the Law of Ukraine “On Television and Radio Broadcasting” is in line with Council of Europe standards and with the recommendations of its experts (Para. 12.4);
- ☐ improvement of legislation in regard to prevention of concentration of media ownership in accordance with the Council of Europe standards;
- ☐ withdrawal from the Law of Ukraine “On the National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting” of the provision allowing the President and the Verkhovna Rada to pass a no-confidence motion against the National Council, leading to the resignation of its composition;
- ☐ liquidation of the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine during the revision of the Constitution of Ukraine.

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Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: Article 10

European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ECTT) of 5 May 1989 No. 132

✓ ratified by the Law of Ukraine of 17 December 2008 No. 687-VI

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- ❖ Recommendation No. R (91) 5 on the right to short reporting on major events where exclusive rights for their television broadcast have been acquired in a transfrontier context;
- ❖ Recommendation No. R (96) 10 on the guarantee of the independence of public service broadcasting;
- ❖ Recommendation Rec(2000)23 on the independence and functions of regulatory authorities for the broadcasting sector;
- ❖ Recommendation No. R (2000) 7 on the right of journalists not to disclose their sources of information;
- ❖ Recommendation Rec (2003) 9 on measures to promote the democratic and social contribution of digital broadcasting;

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- ❖ Recommendation Rec(2004)16 on the right of reply in the new media environment;
- ❖ Declaration Decl-27.09.2006 of the Committee of Ministers on the guarantee of the independence of public service broadcasting in the member states;
- ❖ Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on media pluralism and diversity of media content;
- ❖ Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the remit of public service media in the information society;

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- ❖ Declaration Decl-26.03.2008 of the Committee of Ministers on the independence and functions of regulatory authorities for the broadcasting sector;
- ❖ Declaration Decl-11.02.2009 of the Committee of Ministers on the role of community media in promoting social cohesion and intercultural dialogue;
- ❖ Recommendation CM/Rec (2009)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on measures to protect children against harmful content and to promote their active participation in the new information and communications;
- ❖ Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on Internet governance principles of 21 September 2011;
- ❖ Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on a new notion of media;

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