

## **Official position of Ukraine**

### **The abduction and murder of Georgy Gongadze**

The Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine is conducting a reinvestigation of the case of abduction and murder of Georgy Gongadze.

The High Specialized Court of Ukraine for Civil and Criminal Cases is currently considering the cassation appeal of several parties in the case of murder of Georgy Gongadze. Earlier, the court sentenced Oleksiy Pukach, direct perpetrator of the murder, to life imprisonment.

On 21 March 2016, President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko handed over to Myroslava Gongadze, widow of the journalist, the star of the Hero of Ukraine, awarded to her husband.

Ukrainian Government condemns violence against journalists and advocates expedient investigation of all circumstances of this crime and bringing all those responsible to justice.