

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 26 May 2016

Dear Prosecutor General,

I congratulate you on your appointment as Prosecutor General of Ukraine.

The Council of Europe closely follows the developments and provides support with respect to the Ukrainian prosecution service reform. The reform, a commitment Ukraine undertook when it joined the Organisation, is regarded as a key prerequisite for the effective administration of justice, protection of human rights and observance of the rule of law. The new law of Ukraine on the Public Prosecution Service provides a solid basis for the reform. We welcome the conceptual directions of the reform, one of the key aspects of which regards the limitation of the prosecutorial functions. I trust that the measures in this respect will be consolidated in the near future through the Constitutional amendments, pending the 2nd reading in the Parliament.

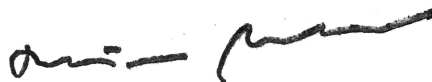
Transformation of the Ukrainian prosecution system into a modern institution of European standard also implies strengthening the external independence of the service and individual independence of prosecutors, introducing modern methods of operation of the prosecution service and enhancing its transparency and accountability. The reform should go hand in hand with measures aimed at combating corruption. All these efforts are essential to achieving public confidence in the institution and its effectiveness.

I reassure you of the Council of Europe's continued commitment to fully supporting the Ukrainian authorities in their efforts to accomplish this meaningful and long-awaited reform.

My Special Advisor on Ukraine, Mr Régis Brillat, will soon be in touch with you through the Council of Europe's Office in Kyiv.

I wish you every success in your duties in this very important and responsible position.

Yours sincerely,



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