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President of GRECO

Mr Mykhaylo BUROMENSKIY
Member of the National Council for
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KYIV

Strasbourg, 6 May 2020

Dear Mr Buromenskiy,

I hope that this message finds you well and in good health, in spite of the circumstances.

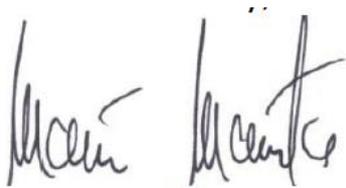
Our attention has been drawn to a draft law N°3133 currently pending in the Verkhovna Rada which proposes amendments to the legislation on the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU), notably concerning the grounds for dismissal of the Bureau's Head.

Let me stress that GRECO, in its 4th Round Evaluation report on Ukraine, underlined the importance of NABU's operational independence. As more specifically indicated in the recent Compliance Report, GRECO underlines that NABU should be shielded from improper influence or pressure to guarantee its operational independence, fully addressing the requirements of GRECO recommendations (paragraph 30, <https://rm.coe.int/fourth-evaluation-round-corruption-prevention-in-respect-of-members-of/16809d768c>).

I should be grateful if you could bring this letter to the attention of the relevant authorities to make sure that the position of GRECO in its 4th Round Evaluation Report and in the subsequent Compliance Report in respect of the independence of NABU is fully respected by the Ukrainian authorities when drafting/adopting new legislation.

I would appreciate it if you would provide further information on this matter to GRECO's Executive Secretary by 1 June 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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