



Адміністрація Президента України

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Nils Muižnieks

Commissioner for Human Rights

Dear Mr. Muižnieks,

First of all, let me express my gratitude for your letter of May 2, 2017 and appreciation for your feedback and recommendations in relation to e-declaration process.

During the last 6 weeks, I was involved in consultations with different stakeholders: representatives of civil society, members of the parliament of Ukraine, members of the European parliament, EU commissioners, representatives of the Council of Europe, International Republican Institute, National Democratic Institute, officials of EU member states, G7 Ambassadors, and many others. Following the commitment to address the issues related to e-declarations, expressed by Petro Poroshenko, the President of Ukraine, we started working on amendments to the legislation concerned with the view of bringing more transparency into the policy implementation across all stakeholders (from political parties to civil society organizations).

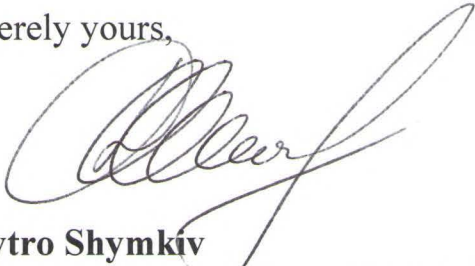
Over the last 3 years, the Ukrainian government implemented significant policy changes targeting increase of transparency within public domain. In particular, we introduced transparency of political parties, e-declarations for politicians and civil servants, e-data finance portal, portal of electronic public services, laws on open data and electronic petitions etc. At the same time, there are still gaps in openness and transparency across different political stakeholders.

Currently, we are analyzing legislation, tools and methods which exist in the EU and North America in relation to transparency and accountability of various government and non-government institutions who influence or participate in policymaking processes. The amendments to the Ukrainian legislation we are working on will be aligned with the “Fundamental principles on the Status of Non-governmental Organisations in Europe” (2002, Strasbourg) as well as adhere to the NGO reporting standards existing in the EU and USA. We are also looking into the concept of Transparency Register, implemented in the EU. Introduction of the Transparency Register could be a good option to substitute relevant provisions of the law, introduced by recent amendments to the law on e-declarations.

We plan to finalize new amendments to the law based on the approach and rules outlined above and submit them as draft law for the consideration by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to assure you that Ukraine remains committed to the values and principles of the Council of Europe and will use best European practices to find the most appropriate solution to the challenges of transparency across various political stakeholders in Ukraine.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dmytro Shymkiv', written in a cursive style.

Dmytro Shymkiv

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Secretary of the National Reforms Council