

## **Ukraine's position on the alert No. 10/2020 “Ukraine’s Draft Law on Combating Disinformation and Regulating Media Activity Threatens Freedom of Speech” of 27 January 2020**

20 January 2020 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Ukraine presented a comparative table to the Draft Law “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding Ensuring National Informational Security and the Right of Access to Reliable Information” (hereinafter – the Draft).

However, taking into consideration negative assessment of certain provisions of mentioned Draft of Law, that were given by the public and representatives of international organizations, the Draft was not submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

On March 4, 2020 Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dismissed all members of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (hereinafter – the Government) from their positions, in particular Volodymyr Borodyansky – Minister of Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Ukraine, and appointed new composition of the Government. On March 23, 2020 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Ukraine was renamed into new Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine (hereinafter – MCIP). On June 4, 2020 Oleksandr Tkachenko was appointed as a Minister of MCIP. Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine does not work anymore on the Draft.

Taking into consideration that mentioned Draft is off the agenda, there are no threats to freedom of speech in Ukraine.