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Support to Good Governance: Project against Corruption in Ukraine – UPAC in cooperation with the National Academy of Public Administration and SIGMA Programme

VIDEOCONFERENCE “REFORM OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN UKRAINE”

Date: 25 March 2009, 9.00 – 15.00

Place: Centre of distance learning of the National Academy of Public Administration
vul. E. Pottier 20, Kyiv (4 floor)
Regional institutes of public administration of the National Academy
(Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa, Kharkiv, Lviv)

Background

The institutes of public administration play a crucial role in ensuring the protection of citizens' rights and freedoms, as well as the principle of rule of law. There is an urgent need to reform the system of public administration in line with the European standards. It is impossible to carry out efficiently other reforms, in particular economic and social reforms, and to reduce the level of corruption, without implementing the reform of public administration in Ukraine.

In its first and second Evaluation Rounds Report, GRECO (Group of States against corruption, Council of Europe anticorruption monitoring body) recommended Ukraine to “establish an overall strategy with clear objectives for future reforms of the public administration in Ukraine in order to provide a common understanding for the necessity of change and to make this known to the wider public through awareness campaigns”.

The Government of Ukraine has elaborated a draft Concept paper on public administration reform in Ukraine. The draft Law on State service, draft Law on integrity of persons authorized to perform State functions and functions of local self-government, draft Law on conflicts of interest in civil service and service in local authorities, draft Law on Code of professional ethics for public servants, draft Law on state financial control of declarations of revenues and expenditure of the persons authorised to perform public functions, members of their families and close relatives have also been elaborated. It is important to adopt and to implement the new legislation in the field of public administration as a matter of priority.

Purpose and expected results

The videoconference involving National Academy of Public Administration and its regional institutes, representatives of central and local public authorities, as well as institutions of civil society and mass media, should contribute to the reform of public administration in Ukraine in line with the European standards. The expected results of this event are the following:

- new approaches and drafts laws for the reform of public administration, covering the issues of professional ethics, conflicts of interest and declarations of revenues, assets and expenditure presented and discussed, including a series controversial issues;
- the European standards, relevant GRECO recommendations and international best practices in the field of public administration analysed.

PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30 **Registration of participants**

OPENING SESSION

09.30-10.00

- Mr Oleksiy Obolenskiy, First Vice-President of the National Academy of Public Administration
- Mr Ake Peterson, Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the coordination of cooperation programmes with Ukraine

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

10.00.-11.30

PANEL 1

Reform of public administration in Ukraine: problems and challenges

Moderator: Mr Roman Chlapak, UPAC Team Leader

Presentations (up to 10 min.)

- *New conceptual approaches for the reform of public administration in Ukraine*
Ms Nataliya Goncharuk, Representative of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
- *Developing a new legal framework for Civil (State) Service*
Mr Andriy Vyshnevskiy, Deputy Head of the Main Department for Civil (State) Service
(to be confirmed)
- *Reform of public administration in Ukraine in the light of European standards*
Mr Julio Nabais, Senior Adviser, SIGMA

Discussion (individual interventions up to 3 minutes)

- Separation of political and administrative positions
 - Experience of management of the private sector for an effective public governance
 - Decentralisation and delegation of power
 - Separation of administrative functions in the interests
 - Introduction of open competition for all positions in the public service
 - Reforming public administration at local and regional level
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11.30-11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45-13.15

PANEL 2

Regulating professional ethics, conflicts of interest and declarations of revenues, assets and expenditure

Moderator: Mr Roman Chlapak, UPAC Team Leader

Presentations (up to 10 min.)

- *Presentation of the draft Law on integrity of persons authorized to perform State functions and functions of local self-government*
Representative of the Parliament Committee of State building and local self-government (to be confirmed)
- *Developing a legal basis on conflicts of interest*
Mr Andriy Vyshnevskiy, Deputy Head of the Main Department for civil service (to be confirmed)
- *Regulating conduct of public officials in line with the European standards*
Mr Jean-Pierre Bueb, Council of Europe Expert

Discussion (individual interventions up to 3 minutes)

- Competent body for ethics regime
- Liability for violations of legal and ethical standards
- Legal framework on integrity of public officials
- Sectorial codes of ethics
- System for analysis of declarations of revenues, assets and expenditure of public officials (and family members/close relatives), specialised body

13.15-14.00 **Conclusions**

14.00-15.00 **Lunch for participants**

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