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Pressure by a Political Party to Replace a Member of the Public Broadcaster's Supervisory Board

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Other acts having chilling effects on media freedom

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On 22 February 2017, the parliamentary fraction of Oleh Lyashko's Radical Party sent a letter to the National Broadcasting Council, requesting to replace the member it previously appointed to the Supervisory Board of the National Public Broadcasting Company, Vyacheslav Kozak, by another one, Valentyna Rudenko. The parliamentary fraction did not refer to any legal ground to do so. Members of the Supervisory Board and Mr Kozak's relatives say he is under pressure to sign a letter of «voluntary resignation».


The Article 10 of the Law on the Public Broadcasting Service provides an exhaustive list of possible legal grounds for the revocation of Supervisory Board members and bans any revocation based on other grounds. Its Article 8 also prevents Supervisory Board members from «performing assignments for a political party».

The members of the Supervisory Board of the National Public Broadcasting Company of Ukraine issued a statement on 14 March, denouncing political interferences into their work.

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28 Jun 2017: On 28 June 2017, following consideration of the response of the Ukrainian authorities, the partner organisations of the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding that it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 

 **Statement by the Supervisory Board of the National Public Broadcasting Company (in Ukrainian)**

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 **Official position of Ukraine**

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