



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE

ON A JOINT FRAMEWORK

FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY SUPPORT

Taking into account that:

since the historical simultaneous ratification of the Association Agreement between Ukraine, on the one hand, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the other hand, (hereinafter referred to as the Association Agreement) in September 2014, the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine maintain an unprecedented partnership through the Jean Monnet Dialogues for peace and democracy and capacity-building activities.

The parties confirm the deepening of their partnership and agree about the following:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to govern the joint framework for parliamentary support, including the Jean Monnet Dialogues and capacity-building for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Parliamentary support activities will be in line with Ukraine's national reform agenda and development programmes, with the priorities of the Association Agreement, and will be coherent and complementary to the overall EU efforts to consolidate democracy and the rule of law in Ukraine.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The parties to this MOU have agreed to work towards:

- modernising standards of Parliamentarism, in line with best European practices, where consensus-building and dialogue are central to ensuring inclusive institutional reform and to pursuing the EU reform agenda;
- strengthening the constitutional roles of law-making, oversight and representation of the Verkhovna Rada; thereby improving the quality of legislation and of the legislative process in Ukraine;
- increasing the transparency, predictability, efficiency and openness of the proceedings of the Verkhovna Rada;
- contributing to the effective implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

III. SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES

The scope of the parliamentary support will be in line with the *"Report and Roadmap on Internal Reform and Capacity-Building for the Verkhovna Rada"*, as adopted by the Verkhovna Rada on March 17, 2016, and subsequent Conclusions of the Jean Monnet Dialogues.

The recommendations of the *"Report"* will be implemented under the political guidance of the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and responsibility of the lead-MEP



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for the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) and the Jean Monnet Dialogues under the continued guidance of the leader of the Needs Assessment Mission, former President of the European Parliament.

Support activities could include *inter alia*:

- Jean Monnet Dialogues for peace and democracy;
- mentoring, study visits and exchanges of best practices between parliamentarians;
- training, mentoring and capacity building for the Apparatus of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, secretariats of the committees, parliamentary factions and groups;
- parliamentary conferences, seminars and roundtables in Ukraine or in Brussels/Strasbourg;
- other parliamentary support and capacity building projects that reinforce the overall EU approach to Ukraine.

IV. DURATION

This MOU will enter into force on the date of signature by both parties, and may be revised at any moment upon mutual consent.

Done in Brussels on 22 March 2021, in two copies in English and Ukrainian, both texts are equally authentic. In the event of a discrepancy the English version shall prevail.

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