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Online Round Table On Assessing the Recommendations Proposed in the Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the functionality of the VRU Human Rights mechanism

Organised by

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) jointly with
Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (Justice Sector Reform)

for Members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and staff

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9am - 11.30am CET Strasbourg, France

(10.00 - 12.30 time for Ukraine)

PROGRAMME

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BACKGROUND

This action is part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018 -2021 and is implemented within the project “Further support for the execution by Ukraine of judgments in respect of Art.6 of the ECHR.

In October 2020, PACE expert produced a Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the functionality of the Sub-Committee on the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Committee on Legal Policy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The aim of the Report was to assess the functionality of the mechanism and assist the Sub-Committee in developing a working framework, with concrete guidelines and recommendations.

The research was carried out in line with PACE Resolution 1823 (2011) “National parliaments: guarantors of human rights in Europe” and PACE Handbook for parliamentarians “National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe” and covers the period from June 2017 to June 2020.

The online event discussed the content and recommendations with Members of the VRU, responsible for human rights domain.

PARTICIPANTS AND WORKING LANGUAGES

- Members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Council of Europe experts
- Parliamentarians of other Council of Europe member States

The working languages will be Ukrainian and English.

PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.45

Thematic Introduction

Facilitator:

Mr Pavlo PUSHKAR, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR, Directorate General I: Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe

Speaker:

The role of parliaments in ensuring compatibility of draft laws with ECHR standards and execution of judgments,

Mr Boris CILEVIČS, Chairperson, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia

Exchange of views

9.45 – 10.30

SESSION I

Mechanisms and the new working methods of the Verkhovna Rada to oversee the implementation of the ECtHR judgments in Ukraine

Speakers:

Mr Roman BABII, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Enforcement of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Committee on Legal Policy, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Ruslan SYDOROVYCH, Lawyer, Former Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Exchange of views

10.30 – 11.20

SESSION II

Future necessary reforms of the parliamentary mechanisms to supervise government's action of the execution of ECtHR judgments

Speakers:

Mr Mr Mart VAN de VEN, Former member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the PACE, Former Senator of The Netherlands

Monitoring and Evaluation Report from October 2020: Recommendations for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Sergiy ZAYETS, Lawyer, Expert of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Exchange of views

11.20 – 11.30

SESSION III

Concluding remarks and follow up recommendations

Facilitator:

Mr Pavlo PUSHKAR, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR, Directorate General I: Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe

11.30

End of the online event

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