

# RADA REPORT CHALLENGE

Report of Member of Parliament for February



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Co-author of Resolution №1887, adopted by the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament of Ukraine) on 4th of February. Statement to the International Criminal Court on recognition of its jurisdiction by Ukraine to punish Russian Federation's leaders for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

### INITIATED LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

11

Among them:

2107

Allows Ombudsman to initiate case review of those illegally convicted and to seek their release.

2048

Returns abolished during the times of Yanukovych consultations of the Foreign Affairs Ministry with the parliamentary Committee on foreign affairs before appointing of diplomats.

2049

Frees all non-profit organizations from paying income tax.

2098

Establishes procedure for competitive selection for the post of Prosecutor General. Prohibits dismissal of the Prosecutor General without the consent of the Parliament.

2102

Increases transparency of the Antimonopoly Committee's actions, obliges to disclose documents.

2045

Allows to restore state control over joint-stock companies in which the state is the largest shareholder.

2129

Amendments to the Customs Code that will allow to impose sanctions upon Russia.

2132

Frees from taxation electric vehicles and their components.

2150

Simplifies state procurement procedure for basic medicines (through international organizations rather than the Ministry of Health).

2254

Ensures assistance for families with children, who are victims of war; allows orphaned children to live in families

### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

14

10 of them are fully or partially included in the adopted laws:

in the Law "On Amending certain Laws of Ukraine on protection of television and radio information in Ukraine» (№1317) the definition of country aggressor is given. Films, promoting punitive authorities in the former Soviet Union are banned.

In a Decree "On celebration of memorable dates and anniversaries in 2015» (№1752) an item on celebration in 2015 600-year anniversary of the first written mention of Odessa was included.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT OF IMAGE OF UKRAINE

Meetings with ambassadors and representatives of Romania, Great Britain, Iran, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Canada, of Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Kuwait and Switzerland were held.

Took part in the Fourteenth winter session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Vienna as a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Organized meetings of MPs with:

- Ukrainian World Congress, led by Eugene Choliy.
- Director of Strategic Initiatives NGO "Open North" (Canada) and Director of International Affairs of NDI (USA) in Ukraine to discuss a topic of "E-government. Canada's Experience".
- Roland Ziller, Vice-President of the German state bank KfW, and Philip Schwerin, Regional Commissioner for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to discuss restoration and rehabilitation of the Eastern Ukraine, implementation of reforms and necessary support of foreign partners.
- EU Delegation Headed by Peter Balazs (Head of Group of Support for Ukraine) and Christian Danielson (Director general in the European Commission on neighborhood and enlargement policy).

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REFORMS

Memorandum on the establishment of the EBRD project office was signed; interviews with applicants for the position of its manager were conducted.

### CIVIL DUTY

During the "Ukrainian online conference of organizations working with internally displaced persons" a plan to provide humanitarian aid was discussed.

Together with the Ombudsman on Children's Rights a briefing on "Protection and assistance to children - innocent victims of aggression in Eastern Ukraine" was held.

Met with the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Peter Maurer to discuss providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine.