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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

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27-28 February 2020

PROGRAMME

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to the Action Plan for Ukraine***

VENUE:

***Auditorium of the Finnish Parliament
Annex building (Pikkuparlamentti)
Arkadiankatu 3,
00100 Helsinki,
Finland***

BACKGROUND

This action is part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018 -2021. The Verkhovna Rada has announced the political priorities, among which anti-corruption and political finance. The PACE parliamentary activity aims at supporting the Verkhovna Rada in the effective implementation of the Political Finance Reform.

The seminar will provide members of the Verkhovna Rada with the opportunity to become acquainted with and discuss the effectiveness of parliamentary anti-corruption structures and mechanisms which exist in other Council of Europe member States, as well as to share personal views on parliamentary achievements at national level in this domain. Highlights of latest recommendations made by GRECO in respect to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in its Fourth Evaluation Round Compliance Report from December 2019 will be provided and discussed.

PARTICIPANTS AND WORKING LANGUAGES

- Members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Members of the Parliament of Finland
- Members of other Council of Europe MS Parliaments
- Members and experts of the PACE and GRECO
- Representatives of local NGOs with considerable experience in anti-corruption area

The working languages will be English and Ukrainian.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- PACE Recommendation 2105 (2017) on promoting integrity in governance to tackle political corruption
- PACE Resolution 2170 (2017) on promoting integrity in governance to tackle political corruption
- PACE Resolution 2145 (2017) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine
- PACE Resolution 2127 (2016) on parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly
- PACE Recommendation 1908 (2010) on lobbying in a democratic society (European code of good conduct on lobbying)
- PACE Reply to Recommendation 1908 (2010) on lobbying in a democratic society (European code of good conduct on lobbying)
- GrecoRC4(2019)28, Fourth Evaluation Round, Compliance Report in respect of Ukraine

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27 February 2020

09.00 - 10.00

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Tea/Coffee

10.00 – 10.30

OPENING SESSION

Welcome:

Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN, Chairperson, National Delegation of Finland to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Member of the Parliament of Finland

Overview of the situation in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

Ms Halyna YANCHENKO, Deputy Chairperson, Committee on Anti-Corruption Policy, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

10.30 -12.00

Moderator:

Ms Maria FAGERHOLM, Co-secretary to the Finnish PACE delegation

SESSION 1

DRAFT LEGISLATION: TRANSPARENCY AND CONSULTATION

Speakers:

Mr Timo TUOVINEN, Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament of Finland, Parliament of Finland

Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN, Chairperson, National Delegation of Finland to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Member of the Parliament of Finland

Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS, Deputy Chairperson, Delegation of Lithuania to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Member of PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

11.30 – 12.00

Exchange of views with Members of Parliaments and experts

12.00 - 14.00

Lunch in the lobby of the Auditorium

14.00 – 15.30

Moderator:

Ms Maria FAGERHOLM, Co-secretary to the Finnish PACE delegation

SESSION 2

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK: CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDANCE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

Speakers:

Ms Marja TOUKILA, Council to the Legal Affairs Committee, Parliament of Finland, GRECO Evaluator on Ukraine

Mr Henri HELO, Senior Adviser for Plenary Sessions, Parliament of Finland

Mr Michele NICOLETTI, Former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Professor, School of International Studies – SIS

Mr Oleksandr ZASLAVSKYI, Director, Analytical Department, Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Kyiv, Ukraine

15.00 - 15.30

Exchange of views with Members of the Parliaments and experts

15.30 -15.45

Coffee-break

15.45-17.30

Moderator: **Ms Maria FAGERHOLM**, Co-secretary to the Finnish PACE delegation

SESSION 3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND INTERACTION WITH LOBBYISTS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES

Speakers: **Ms Marja TOUKILA**, Council to the Legal Affairs Committee, Parliament of Finland, GRECO Evaluator on Ukraine

Ms Satu HASSI, Chairperson of the Grand Committee, Member of the Openness Registry Working Group, Parliament of Finland

Ms Boriana ÅBERG, Chairperson, National Delegation of Sweden to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Member of the PACE Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

17.15 Exchange of views with Members of the Parliaments and experts

Friday, 28 February 2020

9.00 – 10.30

Moderator: **Ms Maria FAGERHOLM**, Co-secretary to the Finnish PACE delegation

SESSION 4 PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF PARLIAMENTARY WORK

Speakers: **Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN**, Chairperson, National Delegation of Finland to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Member of the Parliament of Finland

Ms Tiina VIRTANEN, International Press Officer, Parliament of Finland

Ms Teija SUTINEN, Journalist

10.00 – 10.30 Exchange of views with Members of the Parliaments and experts

10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45-12.15

Moderator: **Ms Maria FAGERHOLM**, Co-secretary to the Finnish PACE delegation

SESSION 5 SUPERVISION, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF RULES IN PARLIAMENTS

Speakers: **Ms Marja TOUKILA**, Council to the Legal Affairs Committee, Parliament of Finland, GRECO Evaluator on Ukraine

Mr Henri HELO, Senior Adviser for Plenary Sessions, Parliament of Finland

Mr Peter ÖSTMAN, Member of the Grand Committee, Parliament of Finland

Mrs Linda OZOLA, Member of the Delegation of Latvia to PACE, Member of PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

11.45-12.15 Exchange of views with Members of the Parliaments and experts

12.15

CLOSING SESSION

Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN, Head of the National Delegation of Finland to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

12.30

Lunch in the lobby of the Auditorium

14.00 – 15.00

Guided Tour of the Finnish Parliament

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