

## **Resolution**

### **of the National Forum “Transformation of Ukraine”**

Participants of the National Forum “Transformation of Ukraine”, striving to facilitate Ukraine's transformation into a successful European country, aiming at achieving the Copenhagen criteria for EU membership as a development benchmark, being aware of the perils for the future of Ukraine caused by inconsistency in reforms implementation, intending to propose a unifying agenda for Ukraine,

have agreed on the following:

- To organize, as soon as possible, development and implementation of a comprehensive long-term National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine (NSTU), drafted jointly with the participation of civil society, pro-European political forces, representatives of the Ukrainian state authorities, partner countries and key international security and financial institutions. The National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine should provide creation of a modern pro-European country through application of the best practices of successful country transformation and effective funding of progressive transformations.
- To urge Ukrainian political forces and state authorities to rise above differences and develop a unifying agenda for further development of the country, based on the idea of a comprehensive European transformation of Ukraine.
- To use for further actions propositions made by the National Forum regarding the need to create and apply synergy between structured Ukrainian civil society, all committed to reforms political forces in Ukraine, and a focused international policy towards Ukraine, in order to achieve the objective.
- To propose for approval the Recommendations of the National Forum “Transformation of Ukraine”, which define the agenda for transformation of Ukraine (Annex).

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## **Recommendations**

### **National Forum “Transformation of Ukraine”**

#### **“Transformation Plan for Ukraine - a unifying agenda for the country”**

The Ukrainian State and its citizens need a modern legal system ensuring protection of such values as personal liberty, protection of property rights, economic freedom, fair competition, freedom of choice in order to establish a competitive market economy and the rule of law. *Harmonization of the Ukrainian legal system with the EU legislation will allow Ukrainian citizens to develop their commercial, social and cultural activities on the European scale.*

Ukraine belongs to Europe in the geopolitical, cultural, historical and economic sense. Our country shares the European basic values, which it has been historically creating and defending. Therefore, a strategy for integration with the European structures must be a central plank of Government policy.

The National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine is a policy document, which outlines the main goals for transformation of Ukraine and specifies the main steps and tasks to be carried out to achieve these goals.

NSTU takes as its point of reference Article 49 of the EU Treaty and the criteria adopted in the Conclusions of the European Council in Copenhagen in June 1993.

The National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine outlines strategic directions of actions. They constitute directives for the work of the Government ministries and agencies, and they are fundamental for all other participants in the process. NSTU is tasked to define the main goals of integration and to coordinate their implementation by the Government in a way that they, with the participation of structured civil society, will provide for focused international policy towards Ukraine.

#### **I. President of Ukraine**

1. The President should lead the process of developing a common agenda for country building based on the best practices.
2. As the first step, we propose to the President of Ukraine to establish the Coordination Council for drafting of the National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine, which would include representatives of the Ukrainian authorities, political parties, civil society, partner countries and international institutions, and endow it with necessary power.

#### **II. Structured Civil Society of Ukraine**

1. To use the National Forum “Transformation of Ukraine” for development of a unifying agenda for the country based on the idea of Ukraine's transformation into a European-type country, taking as a benchmark for development the technology for achieving the Copenhagen criteria of EU membership.

2. To initiate creation of the International Coordination Mechanism for Ukraine (ICMU), which will aim at cooperation based on the National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine.
3. To launch work on creation of the University “Transformation of Ukraine” as an integral part of the country transformation process. The goal of the Transformation University will be to provide appropriate education to the personnel and to prepare future participants for practical implementation of the National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine.

### **III. Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**

1. To create the Inter-Parliamentary Forum “Transformation of Ukraine” with the support of heads of parliaments of friendly countries. This structure will coordinate interparliamentary cooperation with the participation of representatives of the Inter-factional Deputies Association “Transformation of Ukraine” in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, members of the Supervisory Board of the NFTU and parliaments of partner countries in order to promote transformation of Ukraine in the political and economic centers of the world.
2. To establish in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine a mechanism of “fast track” for adoption of legislation that promotes EU integration processes and strengthening of our country.

### **IV. Government**

1. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine together with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine will be responsible for bringing the Ukrainian legislation in line with the legal system of the European Union. To this end, a Parliamentary-Governmental Commission and a network of sectoral Coordination Councils for the development of transformation strategies will be established.
2. The Cabinet of Ministers will carry out reorganization of institutions and creation of new institutions in accordance with the National Strategy for Transformation of Ukraine.

### **V. International Partners (EU, NATO, G7, international financial institutions)**

1. International policy must be focused. Knowledge of transformation (know-how), funding of coordinated development programs, political, diplomatic and military support is critically important for Ukraine. A comprehensive economic support plan for Ukraine should be developed.
2. Joint actions must be coordinated and implemented through the International Coordination Mechanism for Ukraine.
3. International partners should join efforts in order to protect and transform Ukraine through these hard times.