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Central Election Commission of Ukraine
Committee on State Building and Local Self-Governance
of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

International Conference: **QUALITY OF ELECTIONS: MAKING DEMOCRACY STRONG**

2-3 July, 2009, Odesa

Black Sea Hotel, 25, Panteleymonivska str.

AGENDA



2 July 2008, Thursday

Hotel Restaurant, 9th floor

12.30 Lunch

Conference Hall, 8th floor

14.00 Registration

14.30 **Briefing for Journalists**

15.00 **Opening**

- **Mr Ihor KOHUT**, Chairman of the Board, Agency for Legislative Initiatives
- **Mr Mykola SKORYK**, Chairman of Odessa Regional Council
- **Mr Yuriy KLUCHKOVSKYI**, Member of Parliament, Deputy Chairman of Committee on State Building and Local Self-Governance of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, President of election Law Institute
- **Ms Natalia BOGASHEVA**, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine
- **Ms Natalia VOUTOVA**, Deputy Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the Co-ordination of Co-operation Programmes with Ukraine

15.30 Break

15.40 **Plenary Session “European Election Standards: Ukraine's Practices and Prospects”**

Moderator:

- **Mr Yevgen RADCHENKO**, Development Director of International NGO “Intenews-Ukraine”

Speakers:

Application of European Election Standards: Legislative and Procedural Issues

- **Mr Carlos CLOSA MONTERO**, Professor at the Instituto de Politicas Publicas (IPP), Madrid, former member of the Venice Commission for Spain
- **Mr Yuriy KLUCHKOVSKIY**, Member of Parliament, Deputy Chairman of Committee on State Building and Local Self-Governance of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, President of election Law Institute

Election Finance Transparency

- **Mr Serguei KOUZNETSOV**, Legal officer at the Elections and referendums division of the Venice Commission
- **Mr Denys KOVRYZHENKO**, Director of Legal Studies of the Agency for Legislative Initiatives

Questions and Answers

17.20

Coffee Break

Hotel Restaurant, 9th floor

17.40

Elections as a Challenge for the Judicial System

Moderator:

- **Mr Ihor KOHUT**, Chairman of the Board, Agency for Legislative Initiatives

Speakers:

- **Mr Mykhailo SMOKOVYCH**, The Plenum Secretary of the Superior Administrative Court
- **Mr Anatoliy SELIVANOV**, Permanent representative of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to Constitutional Court of Ukraine, Doctor of Sciences in Law, Professor
- **Mr Victor AGEEV**, Lawyer, Managing Partner of the Ageev, Berezhnyi and Partners Law Firm

Fair and Democratic Presidential Elections: Ukrainian Perspective

- **Mr Sergiy PODGORYNI**, Member of Parliament, Chairman of Subcommittee on electoral law and civic associations of Committee on State Building and Local Self-Governance of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- **Mr Ihor POPOV**, Deputy Head of the Presidential Secretariat
- **Ms Iryna BEKESHKINA**, Research Director of the Democratic Initiatives Foundation
- **Mr Volodymyr KOVTUNETS**, Electoral Law Expert

Questions and Answers

Hotel Terrace, 8th floor

19.30 Reception

3 July 2009, Friday

Banquet room, 9th floor

10.00

Round Table “Quality of Political Dialogue: the Role of Political Elite, Civil Society and Media ”

Moderators:

- **Ms Olena CHEBANENKO**, Expert, Programme Coordinator of Policy Analysis Unit of the Agency for Legislative Initiatives
- **Mr Anatoliy BOYKO**, Chairman of Odessa Office of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Mr Andriy SHEVCHENKO**, Member of Parliament, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- **Mr Andriy MAGERA**, Deputy Chairman of of Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine

- **Mr Sergiy GRYNEVETSKYI**, Member of Parliament, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on National Security and Defence of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- **Mr Oleksandr CHERNENKO**, the Head of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine
- **Mr Ihor ZHDANOV**, the Head of think-tank “Open Ukraine”

Hotel Restaurant, 9th floor

12.00 Coffee Break

12.30 Round table continuation

Questions and Answers

Discussion

14.00 **Conclusions**

- **Mr Andriy MAGERA**, Deputy Chairman of of Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine
- **Mr Serguei KOUZNETSOV**, Legal officer at the Elections and referendums division of the Venice Commission
- **Mr Ihor KOHUT**, Chairman of the Board, Agency for Legislative Initiatives

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14.30 Lunch

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