STRENGTHENING UKRAINE’S ANTI-CORRUPTION AND JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SAFEGUARD THE RECOVERY

Competitions for the heads of anti-corruption agencies
- After the appointment of the head of the SAPO, effective investigations into top corruption has improved significantly.
- But ARMA and NABU remain without permanent leadership – the selection results are expected by the beginning of 2023. Systematic power outages are making already delayed selection processes even more slow-moving.

Institutional capacity of anti-corruption agencies
- The necessary operational resources and authorities must be provided:
  - SAPO needs broader institutional autonomy and expansion of the powers of its leadership, NABU lacks the de facto ability to utilize autonomous wiretapping and access to high-quality and impartial forensic examination.
  - An independent, comprehensive performance audit of ARMA, SAPO, and NABU has not yet commenced.

Improving the legislative framework
- The suspended obligation to submit state officials’ public asset declarations and parties’ financial reports + their verification by NACP should be restored.
- All closed governmental registers should be open, except for sensitive and/or personal data.
- PEP status fixed duration should be eliminated.

Implementation of judicial and Constitutional Court reform
- More members of the High Council of Justice are needed to make it full-fledged, and integrity risks of the candidates persist.
- The obstructionist Kyiv District Administrative Court still operates, despite the Presidential draft law decreeing its suspension.
- The reform of the Constitutional Court is preliminary adopted but without civil society participation in the selection of judges.
The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is causing **unspeakable human tragedy**. It is destroying the country’s economy and essential infrastructure.

If corruption is allowed to go **unchecked**, Ukraine’s reconstruction would hand a massive victory to the subversive kleptocratic war.

The issue of corruption has always been **prominent**. The Corruption Perceptions Index shows that over the past ten years, Ukraine has been slowly, but steadily, improving.

Yet, the existing anti-corruption defences are **not yet sufficiently** robust to ensure reconstruction funds are spent with integrity.

The least we can do is honour heroic sacrifice by not allowing the reconstruction efforts to be tainted with corruption. And, of course, follow the **recommendations**.

Nothing would undermine the Kleptocratic Kremlin more than a **Ukraine** that is able to **rise** from the ashes with integrity.