



## Office of the President of Ukraine Department for Citizens' Appeals

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**Dear Tamaz Somhishvili,**

The Office of the President of Ukraine received your letter dated September 16, 2021, in which you draw the attention of the Head of State to the need to guarantee foreign investors the opportunity to defend their rights in fair courts.

In this regard, we note that in accordance with the second part of Article 19 of the Constitution of Ukraine, state authorities and local self-government bodies, their officials are obliged to act only on the basis, within the limits of authority and in the manner provided for by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

According to the first part of Article 124 of the Constitution of Ukraine, justice in Ukraine is administered exclusively by courts. The second part of Article 126 of the Constitution of Ukraine establishes that influencing judges in any way is prohibited.

In view of the above and the scope of President's powers, exhaustively defined by the Constitution of Ukraine, the President of Ukraine is not empowered to influence in any way the rendering of justice in Ukraine, including the formation of judicial practice.

At the same time, we inform you that the President of Ukraine, V. Zelenskyi, pays due attention to the preparation of legislative and practical steps to urgently solve the problems of the functioning of the judicial branch of power.

In particular, the Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 231 dated June 11, 2021 approved the Strategy for the Development of the Justice System and Constitutional Judiciary for 2021-2023 presented by the Legal Reform Commission, which defines the main principles and directions of the development of the justice system taking into account the best international practices.

The document outlines the priorities for improving the legislation on the judicial system, the status of judges, the judiciary and other institutions of justice, the implementation of urgent measures to improve the activity of legal institutions, and also talks about the development of prosecutor's offices and the improvement of the institution of advocacy.

Best regards,

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