

Press Releases: The Importance of an Independent Anti-Corruption Court for Ukraine

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The United States calls on the government of Ukraine to implement deep, comprehensive, and timely reforms that reflect the demands the people of Ukraine made during the Revolution of Dignity: an end to systemic corruption, faster economic growth, and a European future for all Ukrainians.

The establishment of a genuinely independent anti-corruption court is the most important, immediate step the government can take to meet those demands and roll back corruption that continues to threaten Ukraine's national security, prosperity, and democratic development.

The United States fully supports the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which will determine whether a new law establishing the court is consistent with Ukraine's commitments under its IMF program. We agree with the IMF that any legislation establishing an anti-corruption court must include a central role for a council of international experts to ensure the selection of qualified judges.

The United States wants to be clear that legislation establishing the court must satisfy the IMF, which provides essential financial support to the Ukrainian government. We, therefore, encourage the Ukrainian government to discuss relevant legislative proposals directly with the IMF and to pass a bill that meets IMF requirements. The anti-corruption court has important work to do on behalf of the people of Ukraine.

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