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## PARLIAMENT IN TIMES OF WAR

**A weekly update on legislative  
activity of Ukraine's Verkhovna  
Rada**

### SITTING OF THE RADA

On October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine held plenary sittings, at which a total of 14 laws, 10 draft laws (adopted at first reading), and 9 resolutions were adopted, the most important of which being the:

- Law on the accession of Ukraine to the Convention on Extradition;
- Law on Amendments to the Law "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2022" regarding the creation of a fund for liquidation of the consequences of armed aggression;
- Law on the Customs Tariff of Ukraine;
- Law on amendments to the Law "On Military Duty and Military Service" regarding the specifics of conscription for military service and the activities of conscription commissions during martial law;
- Resolution on the Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine regarding the condemnation of the Islamic Republic of Iran's support for the armed aggression of the Russian federation against Ukraine.

In addition, at the 145<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Ukrainian MPs and the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine received the Cremer-Passy Award for effective and coordinated work under martial law. This award is given annually to MPs whose actions contribute to a more united, just, secure, and sustainable future. Oleksandr



Kornienko, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine, noted that this award is not only for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, but also for all Ukrainian people.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine supplemented the Law "On military duty and Military Service". According to the new article 181, it is determined that during

Martial law, conscription (regular mandatory recruitment for young men who have to serve for a fixed term) for military service is not carried out. At the same time, general continues. Citizens who are currently mobilized into the army do not have a specific service term. General mobilization is a mandatory conscription for almost all men and some categories of women, such as doctors, who have to serve for an indefinite term of Martial law.

At the same sitting, the Law "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2022" was adopted. Budget expenditures were increased by UAH 386.9 billion:

- for the Ministry of Defence (UAH 365.2 billion);
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (UAH 12.9 billion);
- Security Service (for UAH 3.7 billion);
- Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence (UAH 3.2 billion);
- Administration of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection (UAH 1.3 billion);
- Administration of State Guard (for UAH 0.6 billion);
- Foreign Intelligence Service (UAH 45 million).

About 60% of these funds will be used for wages. The adoption of this Law will allow for urgent tasks to be carried out in the field of national security and defense, with measures to repel armed aggression of the Russian federation against Ukraine. Additionally, the military personnel will receive full, and timely, monetary support.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law on the creation of a fund for liquidation of the consequences of armed aggression. According to it, in 2022 it is planned to create a corresponding fund as part of a special fund of the state budget with the aim of liquidating the consequences (including humanitarian, social, and economic) caused by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. The funds will be directed to:

- construction, major overhaul of public buildings and protective structures of civil protection;
- construction, reconstruction, overhaul of critical infrastructure facilities related to the provision of water, heat, electricity and gas supply services;
- construction, reconstruction, overhaul of buildings to provide housing for IDPs and persons who lost their housing as a result of armed aggression of the Russian Federation;
- development of design and estimate documentation for destroyed objects;
- purchase of school buses and special vehicles;
- acquisition of residential premises for citizens of Ukraine whose real estate was destroyed;
- purchase of medical equipment and equipment for healthcare institutions;
- purchase of computer and multimedia equipment for educational institutions, etc.

The source of filling the fund will be nationalized funds and the sale of nationalized property, primarily the nationalization and sale of the property of sanctioned persons, Russians and Russian companies in the first place. Next year, the budget provides for such a fund in the amount of UAH 19 billion. The decision to allocate funds from such a fund will be adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers in agreement with the Budget Committee. Monthly reporting is introduced to monitor the work of the fund.

Currently, at least 1,463 housing and communal facilities, 829 educational institutions, 301 medical institutions, and 3,838 residential buildings that were damaged as a result of Russian aggression require immediate restoration.



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## **Background on the update on activity of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada**

*Ukraine's democratically elected officials continue to perform their duties while enduring Russia's unprovoked and horrific invasion. These briefing notes provide the latest information about the legislative activities of the Verkhovna Rada.*

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