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## PARLIAMENT IN TIMES OF WAR

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## Rada Approves Extension of Martial Law and General Mobilization Period

In its most recent session the Verkhovna Rada adopted 17 laws and 3 resolutions. This included a decision to extend Ukraine's martial law and general mobilization for another 90 days.

## Members of Ukraine's Supreme Council of Justice Elected by Parliament

The Supreme Council of Justice is a body that is responsible for the appointment and dismissal of judges, their suspension, or prosecution. The Council consists of twenty-one members, two of whom are elected by the Verkhovna Rada. On August 15, the Rada elected:

- **Roman Maselko** is the Head of the Council of Public Control of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, a member of the Public Council of Integrity.

- **Mykola Moroz** is a candidate of legal sciences, associate professor of the Department of Civil Law of the National University of Law.



These candidates were supported by representatives of Ukrainian civil society.

## Rada Calls on the International Community to Recognize Russia's Actions on the Territory of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Station an Act of Nuclear Terrorism.

**July 15,** "The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine calls on the world community to recognize Russia's actions on the territory of Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Station as an act of nuclear terrorism. The Members of Parliament supported the relevant resolution," said the Rada's Speaker Ruslan Stefanchuk, after a parliamentary session on Monday, August 15.



He emphasized that the occupation, mining and shelling of the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant endangers the global security order. "The whole world must understand the simple truth - nuclear war has no borders. You cannot hide behind alliances or unions here. The reaction of the international community to such action should be very quick," noted Ruslan Stefanchuk.

Source: <https://www.rada.gov.ua/news/Top-novyna/226665.html>

Through the adopted Resolution, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appeals to the International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference with a call to suspend the privileges and rights of the Russian Federation as a member of the Agency.

The Rada appealed to the United Nations, the European Union, the European Council, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the parliaments and governments of the member states of the International Atomic Energy Agency with a call to condemn the act of nuclear terrorism committed by Russia at the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant.

Source: <https://www.rada.gov.ua/news/Top-novyna/226817.html>

## Latvian Parliament Declares Russia State Sponsor of Terror

**July 11**, Latvia's Seimas declared Russia a sponsor of terror for its targeted military attacks against civilian population and public places.

The Saeima statement said Russia has now used "similarly ruthless, immoral, and illegal tactics in Ukraine, as it uses imprecise and internationally banned weapons and ammunition" on civilians. It also cites reports from human rights groups and international observers, which have documented atrocities committed by Russian forces against Ukrainian civilians, "including torture, rape, killings, and mass detentions of civilians."

Latvian lawmakers said Russia uses "suffering and intimidation as tools in its attempts to demoralize the Ukrainian people." They recognize these acts against civilians



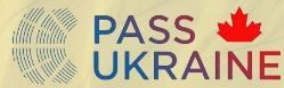


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“committed in pursuit of political aims as terrorism and Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism and calls on other like-minded countries to express the same view.”



They also called on the European Union and the West to “urgently intensify and implement comprehensive sanctions against Russia, as well as call on European Union member states to immediately suspend the issuance of tourist visas and restrict the issuance of entry visas to citizens of the Russian Federation and Belarus, among other measures.”

Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/latvian-parliament-declares-russia-state-sponsor-of-terror-/6697478.html>

## **Rada Committee on Anti-corruption Policy Creates a Sub-Committee on adapting Ukrainian Legislation to of European Union Law**

**On August 11, 2022**, The Rada Committee on Anti-corruption Policy established a Sub-Committee on the adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to the provisions of the EU acquis): the body of common rights and obligations that are binding on all EU countries.

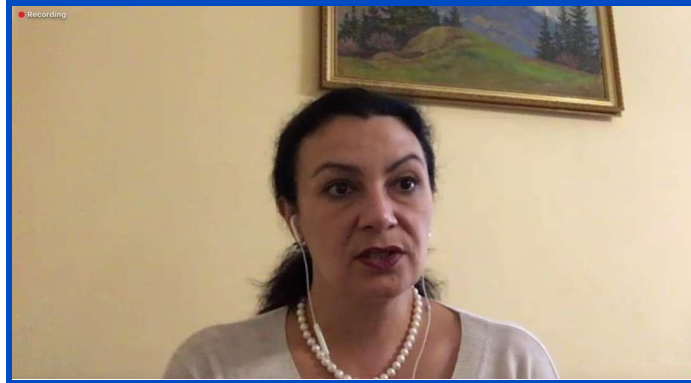
Oleksii Zhmerenetskyi, a member of the ruling "Servant of the People" faction was elected Head of the Subcommittee.

Source: <https://www.rada.gov.ua/news/razom/226660.html>

## **Rada European Integration Committee holds a meeting on further steps towards Ukraine's EU membership**

**On July 11**, The EU Integration Committee held a special meeting dedicated to the measures that the authorities should take on the path of Ukraine's integration into the EU. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine Olga Stefanishyna, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine Ihor Zhovkva, representatives of ministries, the National Bank of Ukraine, MPs and representatives of civil society.

The Committee's Chair Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze urged the Cabinet of Ministers and Ministries' to work on increasing their relevant capacities while also noting that it is also necessary to strengthen the capacity of the Verkhovna Rada itself. "It's good that we adopted the Resolution (Resolution No. 7595 on some measures to fulfill Ukraine's



obligations in the field of European integration). It is good that we are currently working on changes to Verkhovna Rada's Regulations. By the way, we in our Committee have agreed that we will jointly work out our proposals for these changes to the Regulations and we hope that the Committee will be heard in this dialogue. But you and I understand very well that to move quickly, we

need a serious, systemic, state, institutional machine, an institutional mechanism for the implementation of European integration tasks," said the head of the Committee.

Source <https://www.rada.gov.ua/news/razom/226635.html>

From the 29th, the Verkhovna Rada should start acting according to new rules related to the structure of committees, the passage of bills in Parliament, and the preparation of amendments to the Rules of procedures that will legalize this, with an increased examination of these bills by both the Cabinet of Ministers and Parliament. To advance with European integration, the Rada will also determine the exact number of directives that must be implemented into domestic legislation. The Verkhovna Rada and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine have developed a procedure for preparing European integration draft laws, according to which they must contain special tables of compliance with EU directives and regulations by August 29.



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## **Background on the weekly update on the 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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