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

SITTING OF THE RADA

On September 6 and 7, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine held plenary sittings. A total of 10 laws, 12 draft laws and eight resolutions were adopted. The most important documents that were adopted are

- Resolution on the Appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the institutions of the European Union and member states of the European Union regarding the suspension of visas to citizens of the Russian Federation;

- Resolution on the Appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the institutions of the European Union, the parliaments and governments of its member states regarding the restriction of the issuance of Schengen visas for citizens of the Russian Federation;



- Resolution on the appointment of **Mr. Umerov Rustam** to the position of Chairman of the State Property Fund of Ukraine;

- The Law "On the Optimization of Certain Issues of Forcible Expropriation and Expropriation of Property in the Conditions of the Legal Regime of Martial Law";

- Creation of a single center for receiving and processing emergency calls, which will allow the use of a single telephone number – 112.

The ban on live broadcasts of plenary meetings was prolonged. During martial law, broadcasts were limited to the state enterprise "Parliamentary TV Channel "Rada" in the interests of national security and to ensure security measures of the Verkhovna Rada of



Ukraine. It was also established that the Verkhovna Rada of the ninth convocation during the eighth session will work in the mode of one plenary meeting, which lasts until the day of termination or cancellation of martial law in Ukraine, but no later than before the beginning of the next regular session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the ninth convocation. During the eighth session, 442 bills were prepared for consideration and another 1,373 bills are planned to be prepared during the session.

The Parliament adopted one of the fundamental laws of European integration — No. 6320 "Regarding Simplification of the Procedure for Submitting Information Necessary for Financial Monitoring."



According to the chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, **Ruslan Stefanchuk**, the adopted Law ensures full transparency of legal entities' ultimate owners (beneficiaries), which guarantees control over money laundering according to FATF standards.

At the same time, the Law introduces a simplified procedure for submitting information about ultimate owners, electronically it shortens the list of legal entities that

submit information, and cancels the requirements for notarization of copies of documents. The innovations mentioned above significantly simplify the provision of information necessary for financial monitoring.

The Verkhovna Rada also adopted the draft Law of Ukraine on amendments to some laws of Ukraine regarding the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of critical infrastructure protection in the first reading. The bill was developed to properly ensure the formation and implementation of state policy in the area of critical infrastructure.

Without the creation of a new central body of executive power, this implementation of the draft Law will allow the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of critical

infrastructure. The performance of functions within the authorised body are to protect the critical infrastructure of Ukraine by the State Service for Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine.

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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