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Taking into account the interest expressed by several Delegations to issues of functioning of mass-media in Ukraine, Delegation of Ukraine kindly ask to distribute Information on introducing Moratorium on Inspections of mass-media companies during the presidential election campaign in Ukraine.

**Information on introducing Moratorium on Inspections
of Mass-media Companies
during the Presidential Election Campaign in Ukraine**

On March 15, 2004 the President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma had a meeting with the representatives of TV and Radio Net Broadcasters Association of Ukraine. During the meeting the representatives of the Association made a number of proposals on improving TV and radio space functioning in the country. The President of Ukraine expressed his support to the initiative put forward in the Association's letter on introducing Moratorium on inspections of mass-media companies by state controlling bodies during the presidential election campaign.

The President of Ukraine instructed the Prosecutor General Office, the Ministry of Interior, the State Taxation Administration, and the Ministry of Emergencies and Affairs of Population Protection from Consequences of Chornobyl Catastrophe to introduce Moratorium on inspections of mass-media companies during the presidential election campaign.

On March 16, 2004 Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine by the majority of 294 from 438 votes approved the Resolution on introducing the Moratorium. In accordance with the Resolution the Government of Ukraine is suggested to take measures to restrain inspections of mass-media companies by state executive bodies during the election campaign. The document also recommends the State Taxation Administration to cancel the mass-media inspection schedule for that period.