

AGREEMENT

ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE OSCE PROJECT COORDINATOR IN UKRAINE AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING OF UKRAINE

The OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, further referred to as the Parties,

FOLLOWING the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Concerning the Creation of a New Form of Co-operation of July 13, 1999, the Parties expressed their wish to co-operate for the purpose of further strengthening democratic governance practices in Ukraine. In order to achieve the above-mentioned goal, the Parties have concluded this Agreement on Co-operation (further referred to as Agreement).

In this Agreement, the Parties set forth their understanding of the general directions of their activities for the achievement of the aforementioned goal.

This Agreement does not create any contractual rights or duties for the Parties.

AGREED on the following:

Article 1

The OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine agrees to provide consultative, methodical and material assistance to the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine upon its request, in particular in the following areas:

- Ensuring openness and transparency in the decision-making process of the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine (further referred to as the National Council), including decisions on issuing licenses, by means of creating a database of information on regional television and radio characteristics, placing this information on the National Council's website, providing computer equipment for the meeting halls of the National Council, as well as supporting the activities of expert working groups operating under the National Council;
- Assisting in the further support of the initiatives of the Ukrainian government in the field of democratization in accordance with OSCE standards;
- Ensuring the conduct of the elections correspond with OSCE standards, in particular providing training for journalists, media lawyers and media managers on election legislation and ethical and professional norms of election campaign coverage;
- Assistance in ensuring citizen's rights to access to information and increasing the transparency of the authorities by means of conducting training sessions for press-secretaries and journalists.

Article 2

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement, the Joint Working Group will be formed, consisting of representatives of both Parties.

Article 3

This Agreement comes into effect on the date of signature of both Parties.

This Agreement is signed by the authorized representatives of both Parties on April __, 2005, in Kyiv.

On behalf of the
NATIONAL COUNCIL
FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO
BROADCASTING OF UKRAINE

On behalf of the
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN
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