

**TEMPORARY SPECIAL COMMISSION**  
**on the protection of property and non-property**  
**rights of internally displaced persons and other**  
**persons affected by the armed aggression of the**  
**Russian Federation against Ukraine**

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**DECISION**

**On the results of the conference "Cash Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons"**

Since early 2014, Ukraine's international partners have been using cash assistance as an effective and timely response to the humanitarian needs of internally displaced and other persons affected by the armed aggression of Russia against Ukraine. For state and local authorities, it is extremely important to support international partners in providing such financial support, as it helps affected persons survive in extremely difficult conditions.

To consolidate the efforts of the state and international partners in addressing the issue of financial support for internally displaced persons, the Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Protection of Property and Non-property Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Other Persons Affected by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine (hereinafter - the Commission), with the support of the USAID Program "Rada: Next Generation," held the Conference "Cash Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons" (hereinafter - the Conference) on June 17, 2024.

This Conference brought together various stakeholder groups, including representatives of the legislative and executive branches of government, heads of regional military administrations, heads of territorial communities, national associations of local governments, representatives of international and national humanitarian organizations, and leading experts in the field of humanitarian response.

Participants in the Conference included, in particular, members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - members of the Commission, the head of the Budget Committee of the Verkhovna Rada, Roksolana Pidlasa, the Vice Prime Minister - Minister for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, Iryna Vereshchuk, the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine, Oksana Zholnovych, the Deputy Minister of Finance of Ukraine, Roman Yermolychev, the Deputy Minister for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, Oleksii Bruslyk, the Representative of the Ombudsman of Ukraine for Human Rights, Olha Altunina, the Deputy General Director of SE "Diia," Andriy Hrytseniuk, and representatives of 58 international organizations, primarily the leadership of the Cash Working Group in Ukraine. In total, 130 people attended the event offline and more than 1500 online.

The amount of cash assistance provided to affected Ukrainians by 110 humanitarian organizations that are part of the Cash Working Group, which participated in the Conference, amounted to about \$2 billion in 2022, \$1 billion in 2023, and an estimated \$0.5 billion is expected in 2024.

During the event, it was emphasized that today internally displaced persons have the opportunity to receive cash assistance from the state budget, local governments, volunteer charitable organizations, and international humanitarian organizations. However, due to limited resources and uncoordinated efforts, situations often arise where some categories of internally displaced persons are left without payments (assistance), while others receive it duplicated. This leads to humanitarian organizations operating in Ukraine without proper support from the authorities, and millions of internally displaced persons belonging to vulnerable categories do not receive the payments they are entitled to.

At this conference, representatives of the authorities and the international humanitarian community gathered for the first time to discuss the measures they are taking to provide cash assistance to internally displaced persons and to coordinate joint efforts on the issue. Representatives of international institutions provided comprehensive data on the state, possibilities, and volumes of cash assistance to internally displaced persons, and highlighted gaps in the current legislation of Ukraine that complicate the process of assisting affected persons.

The result of the conference was the proclamation of a Joint Statement, as a declaration of intent, between the Chairman of the Commission, Pavlo Frolov, and the co-chair of the Cash Working Group in Ukraine, Marga Ledo, which proposes that the Ukrainian authorities and international partners further consolidate efforts for fruitful cooperation, mobilize, and expand resources to provide cash assistance to internally displaced persons.

As a result of the consideration of the aforementioned issue, the Commission has **d e c i d e d**:

1. To approve the Joint Statement of the Commission and Ukraine's international partners working within the Cash Working Group in Ukraine, adopted on June 17, 2024, at the "Cash Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons" conference.

2. The Chairman of the Commission should analyze the issues raised at the conference and consider the problems raised by Ukraine's international partners working within the Cash Working Group in Ukraine at one of the next meetings of the Commission.

3. To send the Commission's decision to the Prime Minister of Ukraine and Ukraine's international partners working within the Cash Working Group in Ukraine.

**Chairman of the Commission**

**P. Frolov**

**Secretary of the Commission**

**S. Velmozhnyi**

