

## **LAW OF UKRAINE**

### **"On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons" (new version) and other legislative acts of Ukraine**

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine **resolves:**

I. To amend the following laws of Ukraine:

1. The Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons" (Bulletin of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 2015, No. 1, p. 1; 2016, No. 10, p. 99; 2018, No. 11, p. 59) shall be set out in the following wording:

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### **"On Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons (new edition)**

This Law establishes guarantees for the observance of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of internally displaced persons, the procedure for their registration, as well as the powers of state authorities and local self-government bodies, their interaction with public associations, charitable foundations and international cooperation in this area.

## **Section I**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 1: Definition of terms**

1. In this Law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1) adaptation - the process of organising the living conditions of an internally displaced person at a new place of residence, which results in adjustment to the conditions at the new place of residence, providing conditions for the fulfilment of his/her needs;

2) address of residence of the internally displaced person - the address provided by the internally displaced person as the official address of correspondence (addresses (locations) of state authorities, local self-government bodies, legal entities of public law, their subdivisions, any other premises where the internally displaced person does not actually reside) and other communications with him/her, creation of conditions for the exercise of his/her rights, in cases provided for by law;

3) address of the abandoned place of residence of the internally displaced person - the address of the person's place of residence/stay at the time of his/her internal displacement;

4) internally displaced person - a citizen of Ukraine, a foreigner, a person recognised as a refugee or a person in need of complementary protection, or a stateless person permanently or temporarily residing in Ukraine and having the right to permanent residence in Ukraine or in respect of whom a decision has been made to recognise as a stateless person who was obliged to leave or was forced to leave his/her place of residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the negative consequences of armed conflict, temporary occupation, widespread violence, violations of human rights

5) Database on internally displaced persons - an electronic database designed to record internally displaced persons, which is an integral part of the Unified Social Information System;

6) integration - the process and result of the inclusion of an internally displaced person in public life in a new community, which occurs through the activities of authorities at all levels aimed at preventing and overcoming barriers to the exercise of human rights and freedoms with the involvement of the person who has been internally displaced and other members of society and is achieved when the needs caused by internal displacement are met and there are no barriers to the exercise of the rights and freedoms of such persons;

7) place of temporary residence - buildings (including temporary ones) or parts thereof that are used or may be used for temporary residence of internally displaced persons in accordance with the procedure established by law;

8) host community - a community of an administrative-territorial unit to which an internally displaced person has moved;

9) reintegration - the process and result of restoring social ties, ensuring participation in public life, as well as creating conditions for access to services, exercising human rights and freedoms after an internally displaced person returns to the place of residence;

## **Article 2.** Legislation in the Field of Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons

1. The specifics of ensuring the exercise of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons are determined by this Law and other laws of Ukraine, as well as international treaties of Ukraine, ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

2. If an international agreement, ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, establishes rules other than those contained in this Law, the rules of the international agreement shall apply.

## **Article 3:** Guarantees of observance of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1. The State shall take all possible measures envisaged by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, international treaties ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to prevent the emergence of preconditions for internal displacement of persons, and in case of such displacement - to protect and observe the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons by introducing comprehensive and effective mechanisms of state response to challenges arising from the moment a person decides to move internally, during his/her adaptation and integration in the host country.

## **Article 4.** Protection against arbitrary internal displacement

1. All persons have the right to protection from arbitrary internal displacement, including forced return to the place of origin.

2. Mandatory evacuation within the meaning of the Civil Protection Code of Ukraine is not considered arbitrary displacement.

## **Article 5.** Prohibition of discrimination

1. Discrimination against internally displaced persons on the basis of the fact of internal displacement, race, colour, sex, language, religion or belief, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, citizenship, legal or social status, age, disability, marital or property

status, sexual orientation or gender identity, place of birth or origin, or any other grounds is prohibited.

2. Registration of an internally displaced person cannot be a ground for limiting the exercise of his/her rights and freedoms provided for by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, as well as international treaties of Ukraine, ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The registration of an internally displaced person may be the basis for granting such person additional guarantees or benefits related to internal displacement and/or its consequences.

## **Section II**

### **REGISTRATION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**

#### **Article 6.** Registration of internally displaced persons

1. The registration of internally displaced persons is ensured in order to provide comprehensive systemic support from the state authorities, local self-government bodies, assess the needs of internally displaced persons and effectively plan state and local policies on internal displacement.

Registration of an internally displaced person and deregistration of an internally displaced person are administrative acts within the meaning of the Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure".

2. The registration of internally displaced persons is carried out by the district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of the village, settlement, city, district in the city (if established) council at the place of residence/stay of the internally displaced person.

2. The grounds for registration as an internally displaced person are displacement from the territory where circumstances arose in which a person was forced to leave his/her place of residence and moved within the territory of Ukraine as a result of or in order to avoid, in particular, the negative consequences of armed conflict, temporary occupation, widespread violence, human rights violations or natural or man-made emergencies.

These circumstances are considered to be generally known and not requiring proof if information about them is contained in official reports (notifications) of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, or the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, posted on the websites of the said organisations, or if relevant decisions have been made by the authorised state bodies or the court regarding such circumstances.

3. A child born to parents, both or one of whom is an internally displaced person, after the displacement of the parents or one of them, is not considered internally displaced within the meaning of this Law. The state shall provide support to families in which children are born after their internal displacement

4. The residence of a person in the territory from which the internal displacement is carried out is confirmed by information about the registered (declared) place of residence (stay) of such a person. In the absence of a document confirming the registered (declared) place of residence (stay) of a person, the address of the abandoned place of residence does not coincide with the registered (declared) place of residence or the registered (declared) place of residence is absent, the fact of residence may be confirmed by other evidence and/or information in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The fact of a person's residence in the territory from which the internal displacement is carried out is confirmed by evidence and/or information provided by the person during the registration of the internally displaced person for the first time. In case of a change of place of residence, the fact of residence of such a person in the territory from which the internal displacement is carried out is confirmed by the data contained in the database on internally displaced persons and does not require re-confirmation.

5. The grounds for refusal to register an internally displaced person are:

1) absence of circumstances that caused internal displacement as defined in part 2 of this article;

2) the state authorities have evidence that confirms that the person knowingly provided false information;

3) lack of evidence confirming the fact that the person resides in the territory from which he or she was displaced;

4) it is impossible to establish from the documents provided by the applicant to confirm the fact of residence in the territory from which the relocation is carried out that the applicant resides in the said territory;

5) conviction for committing criminal offences under Section I "Crimes against the National Security of Ukraine" of the Special Part of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

A person has the right to re-apply if he/she has the grounds specified in paragraph 1 of this Article, or to eliminate the grounds for refusal to register provided for in this Article, or to appeal the decision to refuse to register an internally displaced person in accordance with the procedure established by this Law.

6. The procedure for registration of internally displaced persons is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

#### **Article 7. Database on internally displaced persons**

1. The database on internally displaced persons is created to register internally displaced persons and verify their needs and is an integral part of the Unified Social Information System.

2. The central executive body responsible for formulating and ensuring the implementation of the state policy in the areas of social policy and social protection of the population is responsible for ensuring the formation and maintenance of the Database on internally displaced persons.

3. Each internally displaced person shall be provided with access to information on his/her registration as an internally displaced person.

4. The procedure for creating, maintaining and accessing information on internally displaced persons, as well as other issues of the database functioning, is determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

#### **Article 8. Certificate of internal displacement**

1. The fact of internal displacement is confirmed by an extract provided in paper or electronic form on the basis of data on the registration of an internally displaced person contained in the Database of Internally Displaced Persons.

2. The extract confirms the address of residence of the internally displaced person for the period of existence of the grounds specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law.

In case of a change of place of residence, an internally displaced person has the right to apply for an updated extract, taking into account the data contained in the Database of Internally Displaced Persons that is current at the time of the application.

**Article 9.** The obligation of an internally displaced person to report a change of address or return to the abandoned place of residence

1. In case of change of residence or return to the abandoned place of residence, an internally displaced person shall notify the district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of the village, settlement, city, district in the city (if established) council or administrative service centre not later than 30 calendar days from the date of arrival at the new place of residence or return to the abandoned place of residence.

2. The procedure for notification of change of residence or return to the abandoned place of residence is determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

**Article 10.** Deregistration of an internally displaced person.

1. An internally displaced person is deregistered at his/her request:

1) refusal to register as an internally displaced person, including as a result of integration at a new place of residence;

2) to return to the abandoned place of residence;

3) in case of a person's departure abroad, including for permanent residence.

2. An internally displaced person is deregistered by the district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of the village, settlement, city, district in the city (if established) council, if the person

1) failed to report a change of residence;

2) failed to report a voluntary return to the abandoned place of residence;

3) has left Ukraine and has been absent from the territory of Ukraine for more than 90 consecutive days or 180 days in total during the year;

4) convicted of committing criminal offences under Section I "Crimes against the National Security of Ukraine" of the Special Part of the Criminal Code of Ukraine;

5) submitted knowingly false information that became the basis for registering an internally displaced person.

3. The decision to deregister an internally displaced person is taken by a district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of a village, settlement, city, district in a city (if established) council and provided to the person within ten working days. The notification shall be made via the communication channels indicated by the person during the registration of the internally displaced person.

4. The decision on deregistration of an internally displaced person shall be taken by a district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of a village, settlement, city, district in a city (in case of formation) council within 5 working days from the date of receipt of the application or information confirming the grounds specified in paragraphs 1, 3-6 of part three of this article. The notice of deregistration shall be sent to the person no later than the next business day after the relevant decision is made by the communication channels indicated by the person during the registration of the internally displaced person.

5. If an internally displaced person fails to notify about the change of his/her place of residence or his/her return to the abandoned place of residence in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3 of part 2 of this article, the decision to deregister the internally displaced person shall be made on the basis of information about the person's prolonged absence (more than 60 days) at the place of residence, which gives reasonable grounds to believe that the internally displaced person has returned to the abandoned place of residence.

Information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that an internally displaced person has returned to the place of residence they left is:

- 1) data obtained from the relevant state registers;
  - 2) data obtained as a result of information exchange between district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administrations, executive bodies of village, settlement, city, district in the city (if established) councils and other executive authorities and local self-government bodies.
6. If an internally displaced person has justified reasons for extending the period of his/her absence at the place of residence beyond 60 days, such person shall submit a relevant application to the district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of village, settlement, city, district in the city (if formed) councils or through the electronic cabinet of the internally displaced person of the Database on internally displaced persons. In this case, the period of absence of the internally displaced person at the place of residence may be extended to 120 days.
7. The district, district in Kyiv and Sevastopol state administration, executive body of village, settlement, city, district in the city (if established) councils shall, on the basis of the decision taken, enter information on termination or cancellation of registration of an internally displaced person into the Database on internally displaced persons.
8. A person has the right to re-apply for registration as an internally displaced person in case of a change in the circumstances that led to his/her deregistration.

### **Section III**

#### **PECULIARITIES OF EXERCISING CERTAIN HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS BY INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**

**Article 11.** General approaches to ensuring the exercise of rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1. Internally displaced persons enjoy all human and civil rights and freedoms in accordance with the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, as well as international treaties of Ukraine, ratified by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
2. For the purpose of exercising their rights and freedoms, an internally displaced person is considered to be permanently residing in the settlement at the address of residence where they are registered as an internally displaced person and are determined to be a resident of the community.

**Article 12.** Ensuring the right of internally displaced persons to receive identity documents confirming their citizenship of Ukraine or documents confirming their special status

1. The central executive body that implements the state policy in the spheres of migration (immigration and emigration), including counteraction to illegal (unlawful) migration, citizenship, registration of individuals, refugees and others, shall issue and exchange documents that identify a person and confirm his/her special status, and, in cases determined by the legislation, insert a photo upon reaching the appropriate age into the passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a passport book.

It is prohibited to impose additional requirements for the issuance and exchange of identity documents confirming the citizenship of Ukraine or documents confirming the special status of a person, pasting a photograph upon reaching the appropriate age in the passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a passport book, in cases determined by law, on the basis of the fact of internal displacement.

2. Entering information about the registered or declared place of residence of an internally displaced person in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine, as well as in the territories where hostilities are (were) conducted, determined in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, to the Unified State Demographic Register during the registration, exchange of documents certifying the identity and confirming the citizenship of Ukraine, or documents certifying the identity and confirming the special status of an internally displaced person, is carried out on the basis of documents confirming the registration of the person.

Information from the State Register of Voters, departmental information system of the central executive body may be used to enter information on the registered or declared place of residence of an internally displaced person in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine, as well as in the territories where military operations are (were) conducted, determined in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, that implements the state policy in the areas of migration (immigration and emigration), including combating illegal migration, citizenship, registration of individuals, refugees and other categories of migrants defined by law, the State Register of Civil Status Acts, the Unified Information Database on Internally Displaced Persons.

For entering data on the registered or declared place of residence of minor children or children who receive a passport of a citizen of Ukraine for the first time from among internally displaced persons, information on the place of registration of one of the parents or legal representative is used.

**Article 13.** Ensuring the realisation of the right of internally displaced persons to housing

1. The state ensures the exercise by internally displaced persons of the right to housing through the acquisition of property rights, including through the provision of preferential loans for the purchase or construction of housing, as well as the possibility of buying out housing that is the subject of financial leasing, use or lease of housing, as well as through the use of other mechanisms for the exercise of the right to housing within the limits established by this and other laws of Ukraine.

2. The state ensures the realisation of the right to free temporary residence and the right to long-term residence by internally displaced persons by attracting funds from international donors, international technical assistance, voluntary contributions from individuals and legal entities, and other sources in order to create conditions for such persons to live in residential premises intended for temporary residence of internally displaced persons, including unimpeded access to housing and social infrastructure facilities for persons with limited mobility from among internally displaced persons.

The free provision of housing for temporary residence to internally displaced persons does not prevent them from securing their housing rights in other ways.

3. The procedure for the establishment and functioning of temporary accommodation facilities, as well as the Model Rules and the Model Agreement for the use of premises of temporary accommodation facilities for internally displaced persons shall be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

4. Formation of housing funds intended for temporary residence of internally displaced persons, including through redemption (acquisition), lease, construction of new housing, reconstruction of houses and dormitories, transfer of non-residential premises to residential

ones, transfer of housing to communal or state ownership, major repairs of housing objects is carried out in accordance with the procedure approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

5. In order to exercise the right of internally displaced persons to housing, the relevant executive authorities and local self-government bodies, together with state banking and non-banking financial institutions, shall develop and implement state and regional long-term programmes for preferential mortgage lending for the construction or purchase of housing for internally displaced persons.

The terms and conditions of preferential mortgage loans for the construction or purchase of housing for internally displaced persons are determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and if preferential mortgage lending is provided at the expense of funds provided under relevant international agreements, the terms and conditions of lending are determined by such international agreements.

6. The state develops legal mechanisms for refinancing construction costs or repayment of interest on loans paid to those internally displaced persons who, as a result of occupation or hostilities, the negative effects of armed aggression, violence, massive human rights violations and natural or man-made emergencies, have been injured or disabled, or have been left without a breadwinner, or without proper care and custody due to age (orphans, single parents and pensioners).

7. Persons who own housing or are their representatives, lessees (tenants) of state or municipal housing, heirs who have inherited housing and provide housing to internally displaced persons free of charge, are provided with compensation for expenses related to free temporary accommodation (stay) of internally displaced persons in accordance with the procedure and on the terms and conditions determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

8. In the case of targeted charitable or international charitable assistance for the construction, reconstruction, repair, refurbishment or purchase of housing for internally displaced persons, such funds are not subject to income tax and value added tax.

#### **Article 14.** Ensuring the Exercise of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons to Employment and Compulsory State Social Insurance in Case of Unemployment

1. For an internally displaced person, the exercise of the right to employment, compulsory state social insurance in case of unemployment, receipt of unemployment benefits, social services and measures to promote employment is carried out in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

Registration, re-registration of registered unemployed persons and keeping records of job seekers from among internally displaced persons is carried out at the territorial bodies of the central executive body implementing the state policy in the field of employment and labour migration in accordance with the procedure determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, taking into account the requirements of the Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure".

2. An internally displaced person who does not have the documents required for the status of registered unemployed is granted the status of registered unemployed without the requirements applied under the usual procedure. Until the documents and information on the periods of insurance period, employment, wages (income, financial support) are received, unemployment benefit is granted to such persons in the minimum amount and duration established by the legislation on unemployment.

For internally displaced persons, upon receipt of documents and information on insurance period, salary (income, financial support), the decision to grant unemployment benefits is reviewed in accordance with the law. For this category of persons, the minimum



amount of unemployment benefit established by law in the event of unemployment is not revised downwards.

Unemployment benefits are granted to internally displaced persons who do not have documents on periods of insurance record, employment, wages (income, financial support) on the basis of information available in the

The State Register of Individual Taxpayers;

The Unified State Register of Legal Entities, Individual Entrepreneurs and Public Organisations;

The State Register of Compulsory State Social Insurance;

The Unified Information System of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine;

Database of internally displaced persons;

tax returns for the last reporting period preceding the internal displacement.

3. An internally displaced person who has his/her last place of work (last type of employment) in the temporarily occupied territories, in the territories where hostilities are taking place, but was not able to terminate the employment contract, for employment or obtaining the status of a registered unemployed person and receiving unemployment benefits and social services under the obligatory state social insurance in case of unemployment, as well as an internally displaced person from among pensioners or other categories of persons who has no intention or grounds to obtain the status of a registered unemployed person, shall submit an application for termination of the employment contract. To do this, an application for termination of the employment contract must be submitted to the territorial body of the central executive body implementing the state policy in the field of employment and labour migration.

The date of termination of the employment agreement is the day following the day of submission of such an application.

The territorial body of the central executive body implementing the state policy in the field of employment and labour migration shall notify the employee of the termination of the employment contract on the day of termination:

employer (by any means of communication, including electronic). If such persons have not terminated their employment contracts with an employer located in the temporarily occupied territory or for whom there is no information about their location, the application is kept in the territorial body of the central executive body implementing the state policy in the field of employment and labour migration in the controlled territory until the de-occupation (unblocking) of the relevant territories, after which the employer is notified (by any means of communication, including electronic) within 7 calendar days;

a territorial body of the Pension Fund of Ukraine;

a territorial body of the State Tax Service of Ukraine.

4. The termination of entrepreneurial activity of an individual entrepreneur or independent professional activity of an internally displaced person after his/her displacement is carried out at the new place of residence of the internally displaced person.

5. Registration by an internally displaced person of a legal entity (provided that he/she is one of the founders of such a legal entity) or registration as a person engaged in independent professional activity or an individual entrepreneur is carried out upon his/her application at the new place of residence of such a person.

**Article 15.** Ensuring the right of internally displaced persons to social protection and social support.

1. The state shall take all possible measures aimed at resolving problems related to social protection, including the restoration of all social payments to internally displaced persons, equal and unimpeded access of internally displaced persons to social payments in accordance with the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine.

2. The state shall take additional measures to ensure social support for internally displaced persons in compliance with the principles of targeting, stimulating the economic independence of its recipients, based on the available financial resources of the State Budget of Ukraine.

Social support for internally displaced persons may also be provided at the expense of enterprises, institutions and organisations regardless of ownership, foreign states and international organisations in the form of charitable, humanitarian and material assistance, as well as voluntary donations from individuals and public associations, and other sources not prohibited by law.

3. An internally displaced person has the right to receive insurance payments and social services under the compulsory state social insurance in connection with temporary disability and from an industrial accident and occupational disease that caused disability in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine at the actual place of residence/stay.

The specifics of social insurance payments to internally displaced persons are determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

4. An internally displaced person has the right to be provided with auxiliary means of rehabilitation, to receive rehabilitation services in accordance with the legislation at the place of residence.

5. Provision of auxiliary means of rehabilitation, provision of rehabilitation services is carried out in the presence of the necessary documents confirming the right to these services and means of rehabilitation, and in the absence of such documents - according to the data of the Centralised Disability Data Bank (for persons applying repeatedly) and the individual rehabilitation programme of a person with a disability, a child with a disability in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, taking into account the requirements of the Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure".

#### **Article 16.** Pension provision for internally displaced persons

1. For an internally displaced person, the right to pension provision is exercised in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

2. The state takes all possible measures aimed at solving problems related to the payment of pensions and pension arrears to internally displaced persons, in particular, aimed at equal and unimpeded access of internally displaced persons to pensions on equal terms and in accordance with the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine.

The requirement to confirm the non-receipt of a pension from the pension authorities of the Russian Federation does not apply to internally displaced persons.

#### **Article 17.** Ensuring the right of internally displaced persons and their children to education

1. An internally displaced person is ensured the right to freely choose an educational institution, institution, organisation, other subject of educational activity, including continuing to obtain a certain educational level in other regions of Ukraine at the expense of the state (local) budget or other sources of funding, as well as types, forms, pace of education and educational programme within the framework of adult education.

2. Children born to an internally displaced person have the right to receive education at the place of registration of the internally displaced person or one of their parents (legal representatives).

3. Persons registered as internally displaced persons are provided with state targeted support for obtaining professional (vocational), professional pre-university, higher education in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

**Article 18. Realisation of the right of internally displaced persons to health care**

1. Internally displaced persons have the right to receive the medical services, medicines and rehabilitation means related to the provision of emergency, primary, specialised, palliative care and rehabilitation in the field of healthcare, as provided for by the programme of medical guarantees.

**Article 19. The Right to Legal Aid**

1. Internally displaced persons have the right to free primary and secondary legal aid provided for by the Law of Ukraine "On Free Legal Aid".

**Article 20. Exemption of internally displaced persons from negative consequences of non-fulfilment of monetary obligations under credit and loan agreements**

1. The total amount of interest under a loan agreement and/or a loan agreement, the debtor under which is an internally displaced person who, after the date of the beginning of the temporary occupation/hostilities, left his/her place of residence in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine, as well as in the territories where hostilities are taking place, may not exceed the amount of interest accrued during the period for which the loan (credit) was granted at the minimum rate specified in the agreement.

2. For non-fulfilment or improper fulfilment by an internally displaced person specified in part one of this Article of obligations under a loan agreement and/or a loan agreement, no penalty (fine, fine) shall be charged, no liability shall be incurred in the form of payment of the debt amount taking into account the established inflation index for the entire period of delay and annual interest on the overdue amount, and no other property sanctions shall be applied.

3. The lender, subject to the requirements of parts one and two of this Article, shall recalculate the debt under the loan agreement and/or the loan agreement within seven days from the date of receipt of a written request from the internally displaced person.

If the lender fails to fulfil its obligation to recalculate the debt under the loan agreement and/or the loan agreement on the terms and conditions specified in this Article, such debt shall be deemed automatically recalculated on the day following the expiry of the relevant seven-day period from the date of receipt of the written request from the internally displaced person.

4. The assignment (sale, transfer) of the right of claim under a loan agreement and/or a loan agreement under which the borrower is an internally displaced person as defined in part one of this Article is prohibited without the consent of the debtor.

The effect of the first paragraph of this part shall not apply to creditors classified as insolvent, as well as to banks subject to market withdrawal procedures in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On the Deposit Guarantee System".

5. The provisions of parts one to four of this Article shall apply exclusively to credit and loan agreements concluded before the date of the beginning of the temporary occupation with borrowers who left their place of residence in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine after the said date.

The provisions of parts one to four of this Article shall not apply to the debts of internally displaced persons who have left their place of residence in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine and who, as of the date of the beginning of the temporary occupation, are in arrears in making payments under credit and/or loan agreements.

6. Exemption of an internally displaced person from the negative consequences of violation of his/her monetary obligations under a loan agreement and/or a loan agreement in accordance with the provisions of this Article may not be a ground for refusal to grant a new loan and/or a loan.

#### **Article 21. Ensuring civil rights of internally displaced persons**

1. An internally displaced person exercises his/her right to vote in the elections of the President of Ukraine, people's deputies of Ukraine, local elections and referendums in accordance with the procedure established by law.

2. Internally displaced persons who are registered are residents of the territorial community and have the right to use all forms of participation of the territorial community in solving local issues.

3. In order to participate in the implementation of the regional policy in the sphere of ensuring and protecting the rights and interests of internally displaced persons, to promote the activities of territorial communities in the development of effective mechanisms for their adaptation and integration, Councils on internally displaced persons may be established as advisory bodies to the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regional, Kyiv and Sevastopol city, district state (military) administrations. Councils on internally displaced persons may be established by local self-government bodies.

The selection of members to the Council for Internally Displaced Persons from among internally displaced persons is carried out on an open competitive basis in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

4. In order to participate in the development and implementation of regional policy in the field of protection of the rights and interests of internally displaced persons, a regional Association of internally displaced persons may be established.

Regional Associations of internally displaced persons may establish a National Association of internally displaced persons in order to participate in the development and implementation of state policy in the field of protection of the rights and interests of internally displaced persons.

5. Recommendations and proposals submitted by the Councils on internally displaced persons and associations of internally displaced persons are mandatory for consideration.

### **Section IV**

#### **STATE POLICY AND POWERS OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT BODIES**

#### **Article 22. State support for internally displaced persons**

1. Internally displaced persons have the right to voluntary, safe and dignified resettlement to another part of the country, and to return to their place of residence.

2. The state provides comprehensive support at all stages of internal displacement, including evacuation, adaptation, integration, return to the place of origin and reintegration upon return.

3. At all stages of internal displacement, the state ensures that the needs of internally displaced persons are assessed and that these needs are monitored.

4. The amount of state support provided to an internally displaced person depends on the degree of his/her integration at the new place of residence based on the results of the needs assessment. The criteria and degree of integration of an internally displaced person at the new place of residence are determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

**Article 23:** State support during the evacuation of persons.

1. The state ensures full and proper informing of the population about the evacuation, its stages, components, consequences, rights and obligations of persons during the evacuation, as well as about measures of further support from the state, coordinates the provision of humanitarian assistance to evacuees, introduces systematic support to the communities to which the evacuation is carried out.

2. During the evacuation, the state shall promote the principle of family unity. State authorities, local self-government bodies and private entities shall assist in the search for and reunification of family members who have lost contact as a result of internal displacement.

3. An evacuee has the right to complete and accurate information about the place of his/her temporary settlement, the state of infrastructure, environment, and the protection of his/her rights and freedoms after evacuation.

4. The state shall assist in the relocation of movable property of an internally displaced person from the abandoned place of residence.

**Article 24.** State Support for the Adaptation of Internally Displaced Persons

1. The state shall facilitate the adaptation of internally displaced persons after displacement.

2. Measures aimed at the adaptation of internally displaced persons include, in particular:

1) ensuring by the state executive authorities, local self-government bodies and private law entities the possibility of free temporary residence of internally displaced persons in places of temporary residence;

2) placement of children in pre-school and full general secondary education institutions, physical culture and sports institutions, including taking into account the specifics of certain categories of internally displaced persons with disabilities;

3) assistance in employment and retraining;

4) provision of social services;

5) providing medical, rehabilitation, including psychological assistance, in particular to children;

6) coordinating and facilitating the provision of humanitarian and charitable assistance;

7) other measures that facilitate the adaptation of internally displaced persons.

**Article 25.** State support during the integration of internally displaced persons

1. The state facilitates the integration of internally displaced persons after displacement.

2. Measures aimed at the integration of internally displaced persons include:

1) vocational training/retraining, employment support for internally displaced persons;

2) providing various forms of housing (temporary, social, etc.), as well as implementing credit and investment programmes;

- 3) involvement in the decision-making process of local executive authorities and local self-government bodies;
- 4) participation in the work of advisory bodies on issues related to internal displacement at the local level;
- 5) other measures that facilitate the integration of internally displaced persons.

The state monitors and assesses the state of integration of internally displaced persons into host territorial communities in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

#### **Article 26.** Return to the abandoned place of residence and reintegration

1. An internally displaced person has the right to voluntarily and safely return to the place of residence they left.

2. An internally displaced person has the right to receive comprehensive, complete and accurate information from state authorities, local self-government bodies and their officials necessary to make a voluntary, independent and informed decision on the possibility of returning to the place of residence.

3. The state promotes the voluntary return of internally displaced persons to the abandoned place of residence from which the person was actually displaced by providing one-time travel compensation in the manner and amount established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

4. The state takes measures for the effective reintegration of internally displaced persons upon their return to the place of residence, in particular with regard to:

- 1) restoration of individual rights;
- 2) providing various forms of housing (temporary, social, etc.), as well as implementing credit and investment programmes (in case of impossibility of restoring property rights and failure to provide appropriate compensation);
- 3) assistance in employment and retraining;
- 4) provision of social, administrative and public services;
- 5) providing medical, rehabilitation, including psychological assistance, in particular to children;
- 6) coordinating and facilitating the provision of humanitarian and charitable assistance;
- 7) implementation of other measures that facilitate the reintegration of internally displaced persons.

Monitoring of return to the abandoned place of residence and assessment of the state of reintegration of internally displaced persons into host territorial communities is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

#### **Article 27:** Powers of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine:

- 1) coordinates and controls the activities of executive authorities in taking the necessary measures to ensure the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons in accordance with this Law;
- 2) monitor the internal displacement of persons;
- 3) directs the activities of executive authorities to terminate the circumstances (conditions) specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law;

4) protecting the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons at all stages of internal displacement, including facilitating the voluntary return of such persons to their abandoned place of residence and their reintegration;

5) approves comprehensive state targeted programmes on internal displacement with the identification of sources and amounts of funding, and controls their implementation;

6) annually report to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the state of implementation of this Law and the comprehensive state targeted programme on internal displacement, including information on the situation with internal displacement in the regions, the state of integration of internally displaced persons in communities, problematic issues faced by internally displaced persons, etc.

6) other powers in the field of internal displacement.

**Article 28.** Powers of the central executive body that ensures the formation and implementation of the state policy on internally displaced persons

1. The central executive body that ensures the formation and implementation of the state policy on internally displaced persons:

1) ensures the development and implementation of the policy on internally displaced persons, promotes the exercise of their rights and freedoms at all stages of internal displacement, creates conditions for the voluntary return of such persons to the abandoned place of residence and their reintegration or integration at a new place of residence;

2) promotes the exercise of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, as well as the search for and implementation of long-term solutions for such persons;

3) facilitate the social security of internally displaced persons in accordance with the procedure established by law;

4) collects and analyses information on the need for housing and resolves other issues related to the social protection of internally displaced persons;

5) ensure control over the creation and functioning of places of temporary residence of internally displaced persons, advisory bodies on the protection of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons;

6) develops and submits to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine proposals for measures to ensure the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons;

7) develops state programmes on issues related to internally displaced persons;

8) takes measures aimed at implementing state and regional programmes for the socio-economic and cultural development of internally displaced persons, protecting the constitutional rights and legitimate interests of internally displaced persons;

9) monitor the implementation of tasks and measures to implement the state policy on internally displaced persons;

12) promotes the protection of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons in international courts, institutions and relevant bodies of international organisations of which Ukraine is a member or participant.

The central executive body that ensures the formation and implementation of the state policy on internally displaced persons, in order to perform its tasks, uses the relevant information databases of state bodies, in particular the Database on Internally Displaced Persons, the state system of governmental communication and other technical means in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

**Article 29:** Powers of executive authorities to ensure the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1. The central executive body that implements the state policy in the areas of migration (immigration and emigration), including counteracting illegal migration, citizenship, registration of individuals, refugees and other categories of migrants defined by law:

1) issue (including replacement of lost or stolen), exchange, issue of identity documents confirming Ukrainian citizenship or documents confirming a person's special status, and, in cases specified by law, insertion of a photograph upon reaching the appropriate age into the passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a passport book in accordance with the law;

2) if there is information about the person's preparation of documents for travelling abroad for permanent residence, inform the body that registered the internally displaced person of such facts within one business day to make a decision on the validity of the extract in accordance with the established procedure.

2. The central executive body responsible for formulating state policy in the areas of social policy and social protection:

1) is responsible for ensuring the formation and maintenance of the Database of Internally Displaced Persons;

2) ensure control over the creation and functioning of the Database on internally displaced persons, as well as protection of personal data of internally displaced persons contained in the Database on internally displaced persons;

3) participates in the development of state programmes to support and address social and domestic issues of internally displaced persons;

4) submits to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine proposals on measures necessary for the implementation of this Law to ensure the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons;

5) is responsible for coordinating the activities of residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities from among internally displaced persons, in particular those in need of geriatric boarding and/or assisted living, day care, crisis and emergency intervention services.

3. The central executive body that implements the state policy on adoption and protection of children's rights coordinates and provides methodological support for the activities of local executive bodies and local self-government bodies on social protection of internally displaced orphans and children deprived of parental care and persons from among them, and ensures compliance with the requirements of the legislation in the course of establishing guardianship or custody over orphans and children deprived of parental care, their adoption, and the application of

Legal representatives of an orphan or a child deprived of parental care, officials who carry out measures to protect the rights of such a child, in case of need to confirm or verify personal data about the child, may obtain relevant information on the basis of a written request to the central executive body that implements the state policy on adoption and protection of children's rights, which ensures the maintenance of a unified electronic register of orphans, children deprived of parental care, children who are

4. The central executive body that ensures the formation and implementation of the state policy in the field of labour, employment, labour migration, labour relations informs internally displaced persons about employment opportunities in the respective settlements, as well as promotes the employment of internally displaced persons, organises training, retraining and advanced training of such persons.



5. The central executive body that implements state policy in the fields of education and science:

1) facilitates the acquisition by internally displaced persons of pre-school, complete general secondary, out-of-school, specialised, vocational, professional pre-university, higher education, adult education, including postgraduate education;

2) coordinates the activities of executive authorities, including education authorities of local state administrations, and local self-government bodies within the scope of their powers in order to ensure the exercise of the right to education of internally displaced persons;

3) coordinates the activities of local education authorities in terms of forming an optimal network of pre-school, complete general secondary education institutions, out-of-school and specialised education institutions and ensures the formation of an optimal network of vocational (vocational-technical) education institutions, professional higher education institutions, experimental education institutions to meet the educational needs of the population, taking into account the needs of internally displaced persons;

4) places a state order for training of specialists, scientific, academic and workforce, advanced training and retraining of personnel for state needs, taking into account the number of internally displaced persons.

5. The central executive body that implements the state policy in the sphere of civil protection ensures, in accordance with the legislation, the implementation of measures defined by the Civil Protection Code of Ukraine, in particular, on minimisation and elimination of consequences of disasters, participation in organisation and implementation of measures on evacuation of the population and provision of emergency medical assistance to the affected population in the disaster area.

6. The central executive authorities shall analyse the state of implementation of the rights and freedoms, and the needs of internally displaced persons and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine information on the costs and measures necessary to implement the requirements of this Law.

7. Central executive authorities, in pursuance of this Law, exchange information free of charge in accordance with the procedure determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and also interact with public associations, volunteer and charitable organisations, other legal entities and individuals on the issues of ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons.

**Article 30.** Powers of local state administrations on ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1) Local state administrations shall, within the limits of their powers, ensure that:

1) receiving citizens and providing them with free primary legal aid on the issue of registration of internally displaced persons;

2) keeping records of internally displaced persons;

3) assessing and monitoring the needs of internally displaced persons, which are entered into the Unified State Register of Needs of Internally Displaced Persons;

4) providing information to internally displaced persons on possible places and conditions for their temporary settlement, taking into account proposals of local self-government bodies, public associations, volunteer and charitable organisations, other legal entities and individuals, on the state of infrastructure and the environment in such places;

5) acquisition of rights to a land plot from state-owned land by internally displaced persons in accordance with the law;

6) providing assistance, at the request of an internally displaced person, in moving his/her movable property when leaving the place of residence in the territory where the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law arose and when returning to the abandoned place of residence;

7) placement of children in state-owned pre-school and general secondary education institutions;

8) providing humanitarian and charitable assistance;

9) social protection of internally displaced children, orphans and children deprived of parental care and persons from among them, families in which such children are brought up, social support of such families and children;

10) to exercise in full the powers of the guardianship and custody authority in relation to internally displaced children registered on their territory, including orphans and children deprived of parental care;

11) making decisions on ensuring the functioning of internally displaced foster families, family-type children's homes, families with children under guardianship or custody, to which children are placed in accordance with decisions of district state administrations, executive bodies of city or district councils of those administrative-territorial units from which internal displacement is carried out due to the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law;

12) provision of housing to family-type children's homes that have been forced or have left their place of residence due to the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law;

13) organising work to identify children displaced unaccompanied by their parents or other legal representatives, taking measures to establish the child's identity, search for their parents, and place such children in families of relatives, foster carers, or in child social protection institutions, taking into account the child's needs;

14) placement of elderly citizens and persons with disabilities who resided in residential institutions and facilities in the territory where the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law arose, in similar institutions and facilities operating in the territory of the region;

15) organisation of the work of medical institutions to provide the necessary assistance to the population, taking into account the residence of internally displaced persons in the relevant territory;

16) a one-time compensation for travel expenses when returning to the abandoned place of residence from which the person was actually displaced, in the manner and amount established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

17) establishment of advisory bodies on the protection of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, arrangement and monitoring of temporary residence places for internally displaced persons in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

18) implementation of state and regional programmes on issues related to internally displaced persons.

**Article 31.** Powers of local self-government bodies on ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons

1. Local self-government bodies within the scope of their authority:

1) inform local state administrations about possible places and conditions for temporary settlement of internally displaced persons, about the state of infrastructure and environment in such places;

2) form housing funds intended for temporary residence of internally displaced persons by means of redemption (purchase) of housing; construction of new housing; construction (new construction, reconstruction) of buildings for temporary residence of internally displaced persons in accordance with subparagraph 1 of paragraph 9-3 of Section V "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Development"; reconstruction of existing houses and dormitories, as well as conversion of non-residential premises into residential ones; transfer of housing to communal or state ownership; capital repairs of housing facilities, including social facilities, in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

3) ensure the participation of internally displaced persons in the process of development and decision-making at the local level, in particular through the establishment of advisory bodies on the protection of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, arrangement and monitoring of places of temporary residence of internally displaced persons in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

4) keep records of internally displaced persons in need of housing for temporary residence;

5) provide internally displaced persons with residential premises that are in the communal ownership of territorial communities and are suitable for living for temporary free use;

6) keep records of internally displaced persons in need of social housing;

7) decide on the acquisition by internally displaced persons of rights to a land plot from communal property in accordance with the law;

8) at the request of an internally displaced person, assist in the movement of his/her movable property during the voluntary return to the abandoned place of residence in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

9) ensure the placement of children in pre-school and general secondary education institutions of communal ownership;

10) ensure social protection of internally displaced children, orphans and children deprived of parental care and persons from among them, families in which such children are brought up, and social support for such families and children;

11) providing medical, rehabilitation, including psychological assistance to internally displaced persons, including children, if necessary;

12) identify families in difficult life circumstances among internally displaced persons, provide them with social services and take measures provided for by law in case of a threat to the life and health of children, or the loss of parental care;

13) ensure the provision of social services to internally displaced persons, including social rehabilitation services;

14) ensure the registration of internally displaced orphans, children deprived of parental care and persons from among them in the register of citizens in need of better housing conditions and social housing registration at the place of their registration as internally displaced persons;

15) exercise in full the powers of the guardianship and custody authority in relation to internally displaced children registered on their territory, including orphans and children deprived of parental care;

16) take decisions on ensuring the functioning of internally displaced foster families, family-type children's homes, families with children under guardianship or custody, to which children are placed in accordance with decisions of district state administrations, executive

bodies of city or district councils of those administrative-territorial units from which internal displacement is carried out due to the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law;

17) ensure the provision of housing to family-type children's homes that have been forced or have left their place of residence due to the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law;

18) organise work to identify children displaced unaccompanied by their parents or other legal representatives, take measures to establish the child's identity, search for their parents, and place such children in families of relatives, foster carers, or in child social protection institutions, taking into account the child's needs;

19) take appropriate measures to ensure that internally displaced persons have access to information on administrative, social and other services, humanitarian and charitable assistance, and the exercise of their rights, and that such information is updated and updated in a timely manner;

20) assessing and monitoring the needs of internally displaced persons entered in the Unified State Register of Needs of Internally Displaced Persons.

### **Article 32. Interaction of State Executive Authorities and Local Self-Government Bodies with Public Associations on Issues Related to Internal Displacement**

1. State executive authorities and local self-government bodies, within the limits of their powers, ensure the observance of the rights of public associations on issues related to internal displacement.

2. The state executive authorities and local self-government bodies shall facilitate the involvement of public associations and internally displaced persons in the process of formulation and implementation of the state, regional and local policy on internal displacement, establishing partnerships by establishing appropriate advisory bodies.

## **Section V FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT**

### **Article 33. Financial and logistical support of measures related to ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons**

1. Financial support for measures related to ensuring the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons is provided at the expense and within the limits of the State Budget of Ukraine. Additional funding for these measures may be provided from other sources not prohibited by law. Measures to ensure the reception, travel, accommodation and arrangement of internally displaced persons are the expenditure obligations of Ukraine and local governments in accordance with their competence. For the purpose of effective implementation of measures related to internal displacement, it is envisaged to transfer grants and subventions from the State Budget to local budgets.

2. In order to ensure the protection of the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons and meet their needs, funds may be raised from enterprises, institutions and organisations regardless of their form of ownership and management, foreign states and international organisations in the form of charitable, humanitarian, material and technical assistance, as well as voluntary donations from individuals and legal entities, charitable organisations and public associations, and other sources not prohibited by law.

3. If internal displacement under the circumstances specified in part 2 of Article 6 of this Law is caused by armed aggression of another state, military invasion, occupation of a part

of the territory of Ukraine, the aggressor state shall compensate direct expenses of internally displaced persons incurred as a result of forced displacement, as well as all expenses for reception and accommodation of the said persons, which were made at the expense of the State Budget of Ukraine and local budgets, in accordance with international law.

## **Section VI**

### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

#### **Article 34. International cooperation on internal displacement**

1. Ukraine cooperates with other states and international organisations to prevent the emergence of preconditions for internal displacement of persons, and in case of such displacement, in particular through evacuation, to protect and respect the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons, their adaptation and integration at a new place of residence in Ukraine or to create conditions for the voluntary return of such persons to their abandoned place of residence and their reintegration.

2. International donors contributing to assistance programmes for internally displaced persons shall be facilitated in accelerating the import of humanitarian goods.

3. International humanitarian, charitable, technical and any other non-refundable assistance provided to internally displaced persons is exempt from taxation and customs duties.

4. 4. International humanitarian, charitable, technical and any other non-repayable assistance provided to internally displaced persons has an exclusive targeted purpose and cannot be used for other purposes.

5. Ukraine will ensure equitable distribution of such assistance to internally displaced persons, taking into account the needs of persons with disabilities and other low-mobility groups, women and children, single parents and other vulnerable groups.

## **Section VII**

### **LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEGISLATION IN THE FIELD OF ENSURING THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**

**Article 35.** Appeals against decisions, actions or inaction of state bodies, local self-government bodies and their officials

1. Decisions, actions or omissions of state bodies, local self-government bodies and their officials may be appealed against in administrative proceedings and/or in court in accordance with the procedure established by law.

#### **Article 36. Liability for Violation of this Law**

1. Persons guilty of violation of this Law shall be liable in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

## **Section VIII**

### **FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 37.** Final and transitional provisions

1. This Law shall enter into force on the day following the day of its publication.

2. The laws and other regulatory legal acts of Ukraine shall be effective to the extent that they do not contradict this Law.

3. During the martial law, an internally displaced person is one-time exempted from paying an administrative fee and state duty for issuing a passport of a citizen of Ukraine to replace a lost or stolen one.

4. To establish that until the end of the month following the month in which the martial law imposed by the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the introduction of martial law in Ukraine" of 24 February 2022 No. 64/2022, approved by the Law of Ukraine "On Approval of the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the introduction of martial law in Ukraine" of 24 February 2022 No. 2102-IX, or until the needs assessment of internally displaced persons is carried out and the proper degree of integration of an internally displaced person at the place of his/her actual residence in the

An internally displaced person is assigned and paid a monthly living allowance in the amount established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, but not less:

UAH 3000 for people with disabilities and children;

UAH 2000 for other persons.

The accommodation allowance may not be granted or its payment may be suspended if the internally displaced person applying for the accommodation allowance is a recipient of the allowance:

1) deregistered from the register of internally displaced persons or returned to the temporarily occupied territories or territories included in the list of territories where hostilities are (were) conducted, or stayed abroad for more than the period established by the Cabinet of Ministers without valid reasons, or submitted inaccurate information for the provision of accommodation assistance, or failed to report changes in circumstances affecting the appointment of assistance;

2) has an average monthly total income per family member for the previous quarter that exceeds 2 minimum wages established by the law on the State Budget of Ukraine as of 1 January of the year in which the allowance is paid;

3) is an unemployed able-bodied person and within 6 months from the date of the allowance award has not received the status of unemployed and has not taken other measures to promote his/her economic independence without valid reasons, the list of which is established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

4) in the period after the granting of the accommodation allowance, acquired movable property worth more than 30 minimum wages at the time of purchase (except for a vehicle that has been in operation for 8 years and worth up to 50 minimum wages at the time of purchase) or immovable property worth more than 50 minimum wages at the time of purchase;

5) has funds in a deposit bank account (accounts) in the total amount exceeding 30 minimum wages or has purchased foreign currency (except for currency purchased to pay for medical services, including rehabilitation, prosthetics, as well as social and/or educational services), securities worth more than 30 minimum wages at the time of purchase;

6) owns a habitable dwelling with an area of at least 13.65 square metres per family member, but not less than 25 square metres per family, located in territories not included in the list of territories where military operations are (were) conducted or temporarily occupied;

7) received compensation in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Compensation for Damage and Destruction of Certain Categories of Real Estate as a Result of Hostilities, Terrorist Acts, Sabotage Caused by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the State Register of Property Damaged and Destroyed as a Result of Hostilities, Terrorist Acts, Sabotage Caused by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine";

8) is on full state support, in particular, in an inpatient residential social protection institution, a military (military-sports) education institution, or is serving a sentence in a penitentiary.

It is prohibited to refuse to grant the subsistence allowance or to terminate its payment on other grounds.

The accrual and payment of the accommodation allowance to an internally displaced person shall be terminated starting from the month following the month in which it became known that one of the grounds for non-assignment or termination of payment of this allowance in accordance with this paragraph exists.

In case of termination of the grounds established by this paragraph, the payment of the accommodation allowance is resumed at the request of the internally displaced person.

By the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, if the state has the financial capacity, the accommodation allowance may be granted to certain categories of internally displaced persons or its payment may be extended if there are one or more grounds for non-assignment or termination of payment of this allowance established by this paragraph.

## II. Final and transitional provisions

1. This Law shall enter into force at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. For the period until the Database on Internally Displaced Persons starts functioning, the registration of internally displaced persons is carried out in accordance with the procedure in force at the time of the entry into force of this law.

The certificate of registration of an internally displaced person is valid for the period of its replacement by extracts provided within the time limits established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

3. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall launch the Database on Internally Displaced Persons within six months to ensure personalised registration of such persons and verification of their needs and within one month from the date of entry into force of this Law:

bring their regulatory acts into compliance with this Law;

to ensure that ministries and other central executive authorities bring their regulations in line with this Law;

ensure the organisation of measures aimed at implementing this Law.

**Chairman  
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**