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RULINGS OF UKRAINIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT/ UKRAINE HAS TO SEE TO THE RULE OF LAW AND TO PUSH REFORMS

The scandalous constitutional court's decision to annul the main points of the anti-corruption reform in the public service as well as the judgement of the Kyiv Administrative Court on anti-corruption agencies, especially NABU and its director clearly imperil the development of the country.

UAA urges all institutions, i. e. the President, the government and parliament, to push harder and to crack down immediately, respectively, on the corrupt networks obviously gaining ground.

"The European Union and Ukraine's partners must, for their part, increase the pressure," urges Alfred Praus, President of the Ukrainian-Austrian Association in Kyiv. "The decisions in reference, in conjunction with several other recent actions seem to be part of a concerted plot against the reformist trajectory of Ukraine. Any actions of the authorities countering such presumed plot, however, have to be considered thoroughly in order not to counter illegal facts with illegal measures".

The declaration requirement for politicians and civil servants was one of the most important steps in the fight against corruption and a crucial component of the visa liberalization for Ukrainians by the EU. "This liberalization is now on the brink," warns Stefan Haböck, Board member of UAA in Austria.

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