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PROVISION
**on the Interagency Board on Family,
Gender Equality, Demographic Development
and Combating Human Trafficking**

1. The Interagency Board for Family, Gender Equality, Demographic Development and Combating Human Trafficking (hereinafter referred to as the «Board») is a permanent advisory body established within the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

2. The activity of the Board shall be regulated by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, as well as decrees of the President and Resolutions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, adopted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the said Provision.

3. The main tasks of the Board shall include:

Promotion of an effective state policy on family, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking;

Consideration of issues that require coherent cooperation in implementing the state policy on family, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking, namely rehabilitation of its victims and the prevention of domestic violence;

Assistance in developing a positive attitude towards the notions of family, responsible parenthood, revival and preservation of national family values, strengthening equal rights and opportunities of women and men in all spheres of social life and prevention of social abandonment;

and

Informing the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the public of the status of the implementation of state policy on family, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking.

4. In accordance with the aforementioned objectives the Board shall:

1) Consider proposals of central and local executive bodies, scientific institutions and non-government organizations on defining priorities in social family support, demographic development, improvement of the mechanism of ensuring equal rights and opportunities of women and men and combating human trafficking;

2) Analyze the drafts of state target programs and other regulations concerning implementation of the state policy

on family, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking and prepare reports on the expediency of their adoption;

3) Submit proposals for improving the work of law enforcement bodies in the sphere of human trafficking, sharing information of the above bodies concerning the search for victims of human trafficking, as well as ensuring the development and implementation of a mechanism of effective protection of persons subject to in criminal proceedings;

4) Study world experience on issues within the competence of the Board and make proposals on its application in Ukraine;

5) Oversee the execution of relevant state target programs and their impact on the situation in the regions and the country as a whole and conducting research on family issues, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking;

6) Assist in conducting analytic and academic research aimed at the revival of national traditions and the application of world experience, in particular concerning families with two and more children, strengthening and increasing the role of family as the main unit of reproduction of the population, reduction of death rate and raising the life expectancy, reduction of labour migration, especially external migration, and preserving and reproducing the living and labour potential of the population;

- 7) Offer suggestions in the process of signing international treaties on issues within the Board's competence;
- 8) Adopt drafts of annual state reports on family, gender equality and demographic development and a state report on fulfilment of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by Ukraine; and
- 9) Assist in promoting various forms of family education of orphans and children deprived of parental support (family-type children's homes, foster homes, etc.).

5. The Board shall be entitled to:

Form groups of experts and working groups with the participation of representatives of executive bodies, local authorities, scientific institutions and non-government organizations (with the consent of their directors) in offering suggestions concerning the effective implementation of state policy on family, gender equality, demographic development and combating human trafficking;

Receive information and analytical materials from executive bodies necessary to fulfil its tasks in compliance with the established procedure; and

Arrange conferences, symposia, meetings and seminars on issues within the Board's competence.

6. In the course of executing its tasks the Board shall cooperate with executive bodies, local authorities, non-government organizations, international organizations and the relevant authorities of other states.

7. The Board shall be made up of the Minister for Family, Youth and Sports (Chair of the Board), Deputy Minister for Family, Youth and Sports (Vice Chair of the Board), people's deputies of Ukraine (by consent), representatives of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Deputies of the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Science, Minister of Justice, Minister of Finance, Minister of Economy, Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Emergency Situations, Minister of Agricultural Policy, Minister of Culture and Tourism, Deputy Head of the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine, the State Committee on Nationalities and Religions, the State Committee of Ukraine for Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship, the Administration of the State Border Guard Service, the Commissioner for Human Rights (by consent), Vice President of the National Academy of Sciences and Vice President of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences (by consent).

Leading academics, experts, representatives of companies, institutions, non-government organizations and foundations (including international) are eligible to serve as members of the Board.

The Chair of the Board shall appoint and approve its members.

8. The activity of the Board shall be carried out on a voluntary basis.

9. Meetings of the Board shall be held according to their regular schedule and the plan of work approved by the Chair of the Board, but no less than once in every three months.

10. The Chair of the Board or on his/her behalf – the deputy shall conduct the meetings of the Board.

A meeting shall be deemed legitimate if at least 50% of the members of the Board are present.

11. Officials of executive bodies, local authorities, enterprises, institutions and organizations may be invited to participate in the meetings of the Board irrespective of their form of ownership.

12. The Board shall take decisions in an open vote by a simple majority of votes cast by the members present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

13. Decisions of the Board shall be made in the form of recommendations and may be implemented by adopting relevant acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine or based on instructions issued by the Prime Minister of Ukraine.

14. The Board shall systematically inform the public of its activity through mass media.

15. The Board shall have its own letterhead.

16. The Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports shall ensure organizational and technical support to the Board.