

APPROVED Minutes No. 17 of the meeting of the Advisory Group of Experts of May 29, 2025

DECISION № 1.4

On the compliance of the candidate

for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine

Petro Saliuk with the criterion of high moral qualities

The Advisory Group of Experts (hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Group), at a session held in remote mode using electronic video-conferencing, consisting of the Chair of the Advisory Group of Oksana Vasylchenko, Secretary of the Advisory Group Maureen O'Connor, and the members of the Advisory Group: Yaroslav Romaniuk, Vasyl Shakun, Hanna Suchocka, and Aleš Zalar, in the presence of the deputy members of the Advisory Group: Thomas Griffith, Volodymyr Kuzmenko, Vitaliy Makhinchuk, Marek Zubik, having assessed the compliance of the candidate for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine Petro Saliuk (hereinafter referred to as the "Candidate") with the criterion of high moral qualities, under the Law of Ukraine "On the Constitutional Court of Ukraine" (hereinafter referred to as the "Law"), the Regulations of the Advisory Group of Experts, approved by the decision of the Advisory Group of Experts of November 12, 2023, with amendments approved by Minutes No. 10 of the meeting of the Advisory Group of Experts of May 30, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), the Methodology for Assessing Moral Qualities and the Level of Competence in the Field of Law, approved by the decision of the Advisory Group of Experts of December 4, 2023, with amendments approved by Minutes No. 10 of the meeting of the Advisory Group of Experts of May 30, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the "Methodology"),

established the following:

1. Introduction

1.1. Under part 25, Article 10² of the Law, the Advisory Group, among other things, assesses the moral qualities of candidates for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

1.2. Under Article 10⁸ of the Law, the Advisory Group, within four months from the date of receipt of all documents submitted by candidates from the Selection Commission for the Competitive Selection of Candidates for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine regarding the persons appointed by the President of Ukraine, the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in charge of issues pertaining to the legal status of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, and the Council of Judges of Ukraine, shall review and study the submitted documents, results of the special check, other information and materials received by the Advisory Group while exercising its powers, and after interviewing the candidate, having assessed the high moral qualities of the candidate, shall make a reasoned decision on the compliance with the criterion of moral qualities.

1.3. The criterion of "high moral qualities" envisaged by Article 10⁸ of the Law shall be determined by the Advisory Group in the course of assessment of the "integrity" component through the indicators of independence, honesty, impartiality, diligence, incorruptibility, compliance with ethical standards and demonstration of impeccable behaviour in professional activities and personal life, as well as through the components of "legality of the sources of property origin", "compliance of the standard of living of the candidate or his/her family members with the declared income", and "compliance of the candidate's lifestyle with his/her status", the content of which is outlined in part 1, Article 2 of the Methodology.

1.4. Under paragraph 1, part 3, Article 10⁸ of the Law, a candidate may be considered compliant with the criterion of high moral qualities only if he/she is of good integrity and there are no reasonable doubts as to the legality of the sources of his/her property origin, the compliance of the standard of living of the candidate or his/her family members with the declared income, and the compliance of the candidate's lifestyle with his/her status. According to paragraph 4, part 3, Article 10⁸ of the Law, a candidate fails to meet this criterion if it is proved that he/she does not comply with it or there are reasonable doubts about his/her compliance.

1.5. On February 20, 2025, the Advisory Group received from the Council of Judges of Ukraine documents from Petro Saliuk, a judge of the Khmelnytskyi Circuit Administrative Court, for participation in the competition for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine (letter No. ДГЕ-1460/25-вх of February 20, 2025).

1.6. The Advisory Group reviewed, verified, and analysed the Candidate's documents, written explanations, information received from public authorities and non-governmental organisations, state registers, and databases, as well as data received from the National

Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine.

1.7. On May 17, 2025, the Advisory Group <u>interviewed</u> the Candidate, in particular, to refute doubts about the Candidate's compliance with the criterion of high moral qualities.

1.8. The Advisory Group has completed its review, verification, and analysis of the Candidate's documents, individually and in their entirety, the Candidate's answers to the Advisory Group's written questions and the Advisory Group's questions posed during the interview and has no reasonable doubts as to the Candidate's compliance with the criterion of high moral qualities given the following.

1.9. As of the date of the interview, the Advisory Group had some doubts as to the Candidate's compliance with the criterion of high moral qualities, viz. such "integrity" indicators as "honesty", "diligence", "compliance with ethical norms and demonstration of impeccable conduct in professional activity and personal life". At the same time, most doubts were refuted based on the results of the analysis of the Candidate's documents, individually and in their entirety, the Candidate's answers to the written questions asked by the Advisory Group and the questions asked during the interview, as well as the information received from the state authorities, public organizations, state registers, databases, legal entities under private law and the data received from the National Agency on Corruption Prevention and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine.

1.10. Based on the results of the assessment of the Candidate's moral qualities, the Advisory Group did not identify any non-compliance with the "integrity" indicators of the criterion of high moral qualities (subparagraph "a" of paragraph one of Article 2 of the Methodology). The Advisory Group, acting in accordance with paragraph three of Article 2 of the Methodology, also has no reasonable doubts as to the Candidate's compliance with any of the "integrity" indicators (subparagraph "a" of paragraph one of Article 2 of the Methodology).

1.11. The Advisory Group also did not identify any evidence of non-compliance and has no reasonable doubts as to the Candidate's compliance with the following indicators: "legality of the sources of property origin", "consistency between the Candidate's or their family members' standard of living and declared income", and "consistency between the Candidate's lifestyle and their status" under the criterion of high moral qualities (subparagraph "b" of paragraph one of Article 2 of the Methodology).

Thus, being guided by Articles 6 and 7 of the Regulations on the Advisory Group of Experts, approved by the decision of the Advisory Group of Experts on November 12, 2023, with amendments approved by Minutes No. 10 of the meeting of the Advisory Group of Experts of May 30, 2024, the Methodology for Assessing Moral Qualities and the Level of Competence in the Field of Law, approved by the decision of the Advisory Group of Experts on December 4, 2023, with amendments approved by Minutes No. 10 of the meeting of the meeting of the Methodology for Assessing Moral Qualities and the Level of Competence in the Field of Law, approved by the decision of the Advisory Group of Experts on December 4, 2023, with amendments approved by Minutes No. 10 of the meeting of the

Advisory Group of Experts of May 30, 2024, Articles 10² and 10⁸ of the Law of Ukraine "On the Constitutional Court of Ukraine", the Advisory Group

has decided that:

for the purpose of the competitive selection of candidates for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, the candidate for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine Petro Saliuk complies with the criterion of high moral qualities.

Signatures:

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