



**ADVISORY GROUP  
OF EXPERTS**

**MINUTES No. 9  
of the session of the Advisory Group of Experts**

*The meeting was held remotely with the use of electronic  
videoconference means*

*May 21, 2024*

*Start of session: 7:04 p.m.*

*End of session: 7:24 p.m.*

**Those present at the session of the members of the Advisory Group of Experts:**

*Oksana Vasylchenko, Aleš Zalar, Nataliia Kuznietsova, Maureen O'Connor, Yaroslav Romaniuk, Hanna Suchocka.*

**Deputy members of the Advisory Group of Experts present at the session:**

*Marec Zubik, Volodymyr Kuzmenko, Thomas Griffith, Richard Barrett, Vasyl Shakun.*

**Suggested agenda:**

1. Consideration of the application of the Member of the Advisory Group of Experts on termination of authorities.
2. Appointment of the deputy Member of the AGE for the vacant position of a Member of the Advisory Group of Experts.
3. Consideration of the application for self-recusal of the AGE Member regarding the assessment of candidates for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

**Voted:**

- Oksana Vasylchenko: "FOR"
- Aleš Zalar: "FOR"
- Nataliia Kuznietsova: "FOR"
- Maureen O'Connor: "FOR"
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: "FOR"
- Hanna Suchocka: "FOR"

Total: "FOR" – 6 votes, "AGAINST" – 0 votes.

**Decided:** the suggested agenda is approved.



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### **Consideration of agenda items:**

#### **1. Consideration of the application of the Member of the Advisory Group of Experts on termination of authorities.**

##### **Heard:**

Aleš Zalar who informed that the Chairman of the Advisory Group (hereinafter – the Advisory Group) received the application from member of the Advisory Group Nataliia Kuznietsova on termination of authorities and duly familiarized with the relevant application.

Natalia Kuznetsova, who expressed gratitude for joint work as a part of the the Advisory Group for more than six months and informed that for reasons beyond her control she was forced to ask for termination of authorities as a member of the Advisory Group.

##### **Voted:**

- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** to approve the application of the Advisory Group member Natalia Kuznetsova for termination of her authorities.

#### **2. Appointment of the deputy Member of the Advisory Group of Experts for the vacant position of a Member of the Advisory Group of Experts.**

##### **Heard:**

Aleš Zalar who noted that in accordance with part 5 of Article 10-12 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Constitutional Court of Ukraine", if the authority of a member of the Advisory Group who has a deputy are terminated early, such deputy shall be appointed to the relevant vacant position of a member of the Advisory Group by the decision of the Advisory Group within the term of office of such member. In accordance with the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine No. 3458-IX dated November 09, 2023, Shakun Vasyl was elected as a deputy member of the Advisory Group. Therefore, Ales Zalar proposed to appoint the Deputy Member of the Advisory Group, Mr. Vasyl Shakun, as a member of the Advisory Group of Experts.



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### **Voted:**

- Oksana Vasylychenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** to appoint Vasyl Shakun, Deputy Member of the Advisory Group, as a Member of the Advisory Group of Experts.

### **3. Consideration of the application for self-recusal of the AGE Member regarding the assessment of candidates for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

### **Heard:**

Aleš Zalar, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Oksana Vasylychenko had submitted an application for recusal from the evaluation of Natalia Syzo, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics of the Educational and Research Institute of Law of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and that the members of the Advisory Group had had the opportunity to review the application before the meeting. Since there were no additional questions regarding this statement, Ales Zalar proposed to vote for approval of the application for self-recusal of Oksana Vasylychenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the assessment of Natalia Syzo, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes.

**Decided:** to approve the application for self-recusal of Oksana Vasylychenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts regarding the evaluation of Nataliya Syzo, the candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.



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Aleš Zalar noted that all issues from the agenda were considered.

Chair of the Advisory Group of  
Experts

Aleš Zalar

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