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To: Mr Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine

Mr Volodymyr Groysman, Prime Minister of Ukraine

Mr Andriy Parubiy, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament and members of the Informal Group of Friends of European Ukraine, are hereby writing to you to express our full support to the efforts of the Government and the Parliament of Ukraine in implementing a whole range of state reforms and particularly in promoting transparency, accountability and effective governance and particularly in preventing corruption of the State officials. Undoubtedly, an important step in this regard was the decision to oblige the State officials and civil servants to submit electronic declarations of wealth.

Having said this, we wish to underline that we were truly surprised to learn about the new amendments to the Law on Corruption Prevention, Article 3, as adopted on 23 March 2017. We are convinced that this new regulation that is now imposed upon the individuals of the non-governmental organisations and civil society sector working on anti-corruption issues and demands to provide their personal income declaration is an unnecessary, unprecedented and discriminatory measure.

Being not completely sure what was the actual reasoning behind proposing such a regulation, we are nevertheless of the opinion that as it stands now, it can be regarded as a mean of pressure against those civil society activists who do a tireless and extremely valuable work in uncovering of and reporting about the cases of corruption in Ukraine.

We therefore call on the Government and the Parliament of Ukraine to reconsider this decision and revert with no delay these recent amendments to the Law on Corruption Prevention, Article 3. By doing this the Ukrainian authorities will prove that their efforts in fighting against the State corruption are sincere and serious ones.

We strongly believe that for Ukraine, the only way forward in its integration into the European family goes through continuous strengthening of its democratic institutions, including an accountable and transparent public administration and a viable civil society. Let us not forget that being fed up with the massive corruption at the State level was exactly the main driving force behind the European Maidan Movement.

With this in mind, as true friends of European Ukraine, we stand ready to spare no efforts in further supporting Ukraine on its path back to Europe.

Yours respectfully,

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