



ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

**Recommendations
for journalists regarding the organization of work
at military facilities and in war zones under the conditions
of martial law**

Kyiv, 2022

Relevance of recommendations

"Martial law is a special legal regime that is introduced in Ukraine or some of its regions in the event of military aggression or threat of attack, threat to the state independence of Ukraine, its territorial integrity, and provides for the provision of the relevant state authorities, military command, military administrations and local self-government bodies with the powers necessary to avert the threat, repel armed aggression and ensure national security, eliminate the threat to the state independence of Ukraine, and territorial integrity of Ukraine; it also includes temporary, caused by this threat, limitations of constitutional and civil rights and liberties of a person and citizen and rights and lawful interests of legal entities, with the indication of the term of these limitations" (article 1 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Regime of Martial Law").

At the same time, civil society, in accordance with the principles of democratic civilian control, has the right to receive unbiased information about the activities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, in particular under the martial law. The leading role in this process undoubtedly belongs to the media. At the same time, it should be noted that since 2014, Ukraine has been in a state of repelling the military aggression of Russia, which since February 24, 2022 has turned into a large-scale military invasion deep into Ukrainian territory.

In this situation, the geographic scale and intensity of active hostilities have significantly increased. This not only increased the requirements for personal safety of mass media representatives, but also caused certain restrictions on their professional activities, in particular related to the regulations of information security. This is due to the fact that information is a weapon. Indeed, in modern conditions of war, the misuse of information leads to real human casualties. That is why the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Regime of Martial Law" envisage in Article 8 the possibility of interfering in the activities of the media and restricting the dissemination of certain information. The Law of Ukraine "On Approval of the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the Introduction of Martial Law in Ukraine" and the relevant decree impose restrictions on freedom of speech as defined by Article 34 of the Constitution of Ukraine. First and foremost, they concern the dissemination of information about the country's defense forces and facilities. [Decree of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on 03.03.2022 No. 73 "On the organization of interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other units of the defense forces and representatives of the media for the duration of the legal regime of wartime](#) defines the information that is restricted for disclosure.

Nonetheless, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, even under the conditions of martial law, are trying to comprehensively assist journalists and active representatives of civil society in fulfilling their professional and civic duties. In order to achieve this goal, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, based on the current national and international legislation, have established active cooperation with media representatives, which allowed to ensure the most comfortable conditions for their work, particularly in the areas of performing military missions.

Systematization of the accumulated experience makes it possible to improve the interaction of media representatives with military authorities and military units (subdivisions) under the legal regime of martial law. These Recommendations, which contain a number of answers to the most important questions related to the work of the media in the areas of responsibility of the Armed Forces and other military units of Ukraine, were developed for this purpose.

Recommendations for media representatives

Accreditation of mass media representatives



In order to provide information support for the defense of Ukraine in the conditions of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, to deliver prompt, truthful and comprehensive information to public and international community, the Armed Forces of Ukraine accredit representatives of national and foreign mass media.

In order to receive an electronic press card, journalists need to [fill in the application form and send the list of documents specified in the application form.](#)

After verification of the data submitted, media representatives will be provided with an electronic version of the press card for presentation, if necessary, to military and law enforcement agencies.

In case of violation of the conditions of journalistic activity, disclosure of confidential information or transfer of the press card to other persons, the media representative may be deprived of accreditation without the right to restore it.

The Armed Forces of Ukraine would like to remind you of the need to use protective equipment and not to endanger your life and health. After all, the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military units are not responsible for the life and health of media representatives during their stay in the area of warfare.

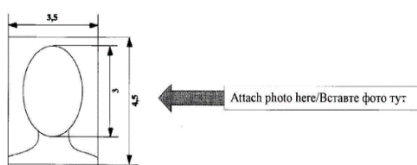
Please note that in case of need to verify the validity of accreditation, the corresponding phone number is **0894201864** (available 24/7)

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Country of residence/Країна проживання _____
ID number**/Номер та серія паспорта** _____
Phone number/Email/Телефон _____
Name of the media***/Назва ЗМІ*** _____
Position/Посада _____
Journalist's ID/Номер журналістського посвідчення _____
Photo/Фото: 3.5x4.5 cm/cm, Good quality/Хороша якість _____
Links to internet resources (social media)/Посилання на інтернет-ресурси (соціальні мережі) _____

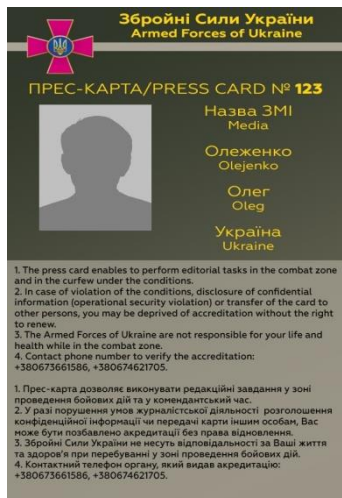


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** Photo copies are to be attached to the request / Копії додаються до запити

DECREE of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of May 27, 2022 № 627 Some aspects of stay on the territory of Ukraine of foreign nationals and stateless people who arrived in Ukraine to work as a correspondent or representative of foreign mass media and have been accredited as media representatives in accordance with the established procedure during the legal regime of martial law, restrictions on the terms of temporary stay on the territory of Ukraine established by paragraph 2 of the Procedure for extending the term of stay and extending or shortening the period of stay do not apply.

The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine shall ensure regular notification of the Administration of the State Border Guard Service and the State Migration Service of mass media representatives who have been accredited pursuant to the established procedure.

Press card of the Armed Forces of Ukraine allows to perform editorial tasks in the area of military operations and during the curfew. At the same time, it should be noted that the Armed Forces of Ukraine have the right to revoke the accreditation of media representatives for violating the rules or transferring their card to someone else. We remind once again that the Armed Forces of Ukraine are not responsible for the health and life of journalists who are in the area of military operations. Journalists must take care of this themselves.



Procedure for admission of mass media representatives to the facilities of the defense forces of Ukraine

** as defined by the Instruction "On the procedure for admission of journalists, media representatives to the facilities of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine" approved by the Decree of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine under № 36 on February 8, 2022 and [Attachment 7 of the Decree of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine under № 73 on 03.03.2022](#)*

Mass media representatives carry out their professional activities at the facilities of the defense forces in compliance with the security measures of operations and the regime of access to restricted information.

To obtain a permit to visit a facility of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, representatives of the mass media shall submit an official written request in printed or electronic form (by fax, e-mail) to the public relations unit of a military unit, institution or military command and control authority (if applicable).

The request shall be sent no later than three working days before the planned visit of the media representatives to the MoD facility.

The written request shall contain

family name, first name and patronymic name (if any) of the media representative, name of the Mass Media and number of the accreditation press card of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;
the purpose of the planned events;

preferred date and time of the planned events;

if necessary - brand and registration number of the vehicle;

official (s) who are to be interviewed (comments), indicating whether or not they have given their prior consent to the interview (comments);

topic and sample questions for the interview (comments) of the official (s);

a preliminary list of weapon samples and military equipment, buildings or separate premises where photo and video recordings are planned to be carried out (see below for an example of a request).

Requests for interviews and comments from officials **are sent to** military units, institutions and military command and control authorities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine through their public relations unit (press service).

Requests for the preparation of information materials on the use of foreign military assistance and samples of weapons and military equipment (WMH) are sent to the command of the grouping of troops (forces) through the public relations service (press service). The decision to grant permission is made by the relevant official, taking into account the security measures of operations and recommendations of international military cooperation units on relevant agreements with the partner country that provided the relevant assistance and samples of weapons and military equipment.

Permission to admit media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine is granted to:

The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Deputy Commanders-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - to visit all objects of the Armed Forces;

The Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and his deputies - to visit structural subdivisions of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other military command and control authorities, formations and military units;

The Commander of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - to visit objects in the locations of the national troops, as well as objects in the locations of the missions performed by the Armed Forces units that are under the operational subordination of the United Forces Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

commanders of branches, separate branches of troops (forces), groupings of troops (forces)
– to visit commands and subordinate organizational structures;
commanders of military units - to visit structural subdivisions and subordinate organizational structures.

The admission of mass media representatives is carried out by the heads (commanders, chiefs) of the relevant facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine based on the decision (order) provided by the relevant official of the higher military command.

! It is forbidden for a media representative to access the area of performing assigned missions or an object of the Armed Forces of Ukraine without being accompanied by a specially appointed official.

Organization of visits of mass media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

To organize the work of media representatives at the facilities of the Armed Forces, the head of the facility appoints

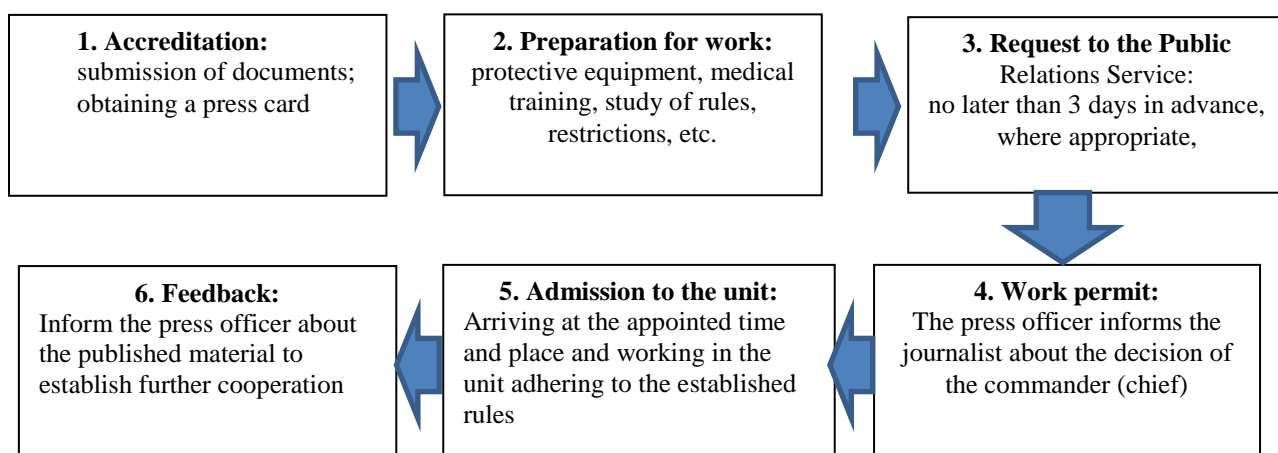
- an official who will meet media representatives and escort them through the territory of the facility, taking into account the security system, internal and access control regime;
- the route of mass media representatives on the territory of the facility, taking into account the restriction of access to special facilities (premises) or special locations;
- parking areas for the cars on which the media representatives have arrived;
- places for photo and video shooting of weapons and military equipment, other equipment, if it was specified in the request and the corresponding permission was received;
- official(s) of the facility authorized to provide comments (interviews) to mass media representatives.

Military servicemen and employees of the facility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine provide mass media representatives with information about the activity of the facility exclusively within their competence and in strict compliance with the requirements of the legislation on the protection of restricted information.

In case of detecting any violations of the legislation on the protection of state secrets and confidential information by the mass media representatives, their visit to the facility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine will be terminated.

Mass media representatives are obliged to follow the internal regulations established by the head of the facility and not to interfere with the activities of officials.

Six steps to organize successful work of a journalist



What is prohibited to disclose *

* *Order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine № 73 of 03.03.2022 "On the organization of interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other units of the Armed Forces and representatives of the media for the duration of the martial law legal status"*

names of military units (subdivisions) and other military facilities in the areas of combat (special) missions, geographical coordinates of their locations, number of personnel of military units (subdivisions);

number of weapons and military equipment, material and technical means, their condition and places of storage;

descriptions, images and symbols that identify or can identify objects;

information on operations (combat actions) that are carried out or planned;

information on the system of protection and defense of military facilities and means of personnel protection, weapons and military equipment used (excluding those that are visible or obviously expressed);

the procedure for engaging forces and means to perform military (special) tasks;

information on intelligence data collection (ways, methods, forces and means involved);

information on the movement and deployment of their troops (names, numbers, places, areas, routes);

information on military units (subdivisions), forms, methods, their tactics and ways of using them for their intended purpose;

information on unique operations indicating the techniques and methods used;

information on the effectiveness of electromagnetic warfare facilities of the enemy;

information on postponed or cancelled operations;

information on missing or shot down aircraft, aerial vehicle, missing ship and rescue operations that are planned or in progress;

information on planning and implementation of measures to ensure the security of the troops' engagement (disinformation, imitation, deception measures, disguise, counteracting technical intelligence and data protection);

details about information and psychological operations conducted, ongoing and planned;

information intended to promote or justify the large-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Military affairs like rational silence

It is better to keep silence another time rather than provide information to the enemy that will facilitate the accuracy of attacks on the positions of troops (forces) or civilian settlements. Therefore, do not share any photos or videos of any shelling of residential areas. If necessary, please write simply - outskirts of the city or settlement.

Detailed answers to some questions related to the use of military information (explanation of Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Hanna Maliar):

why is it impossible to speak or write publicly during the war that Ukraine is negotiating with someone on the supply of military equipment, weapons, ammunition and other property for the Armed Forces of Ukraine? **Because the Russian Federation is doing everything possible to disrupt the contracts and discredit the supplier partners;**

why during the war it is impossible to say that deliveries have already taken place and we have something new? **Because the enemy immediately adjusts its actions to the new information;**

why it is impossible to provide the exact addresses and recognizable descriptions of the objects hit or missed by missiles - you already know this - ***because this means adjusting the fire for the enemy;***

why is it impossible to publicly disclose military facilities (*a hospital is also a military facility*), the location of weapons, military equipment, personnel? **Because the probability of destruction of the object by the enemy increases tenfold;**

Why is it not necessary to publicly fact-check statements and publications of law enforcement agencies and special services during the war? *Because it is war. These statements go through a large number of institutional filters and if they are made public, it means they are required for the defense of the state;*

why should we not publicly and privately question the decisions and awareness of the Armed Forces of Ukraine? *Because the Armed Forces of Ukraine are the most informed about the situation at the front. And if you do not understand the decision, then you simply do not know everything. Furthermore, military decisions cannot be made under the influence of public opinion - because these are professional decisions, just like in surgery.*

Rules of photo and video shooting in wartime

During the war it is important to follow the rules of photography. The Security Service of Ukraine has developed [recommendations](#) for media professionals so that they do not accidentally become adjusters of fire.

The Security Service of Ukraine recommends not to photograph or film: checkpoints, airports, railway stations, oil depots, oil and gas pipelines, power plants, Ukrainian servicemen, Ukrainian military equipment, to stay in the city during the curfew.

Lawyers explain that the law does not prohibit filming, for instance, railway stations. There is no responsibility for such filming. But if the military recommends not to film train stations during the war, such advice should be followed for the sake of common security.

But any filming of military or strategic objects can be carried out only with the permission of authorized representatives of the military command. They can determine in advance the places and objects for filming.

When a journalist needs a bulletproof vest and helmet

[Attachment 4 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine №73](#) contains the rules of work for the mass media in the area of military operations. In particular, a journalist must have a helmet, bulletproof vest marked "PRESS" and a medical kit that he knows how to use.

If you are directed to the checkpoint, the media owner must provide you with personal protective equipment, since there is a potential danger there. The legislation does not impose direct obligations on wearing or not wearing bulletproof vests in places where there are no active military hostilities.

Journalists can rent bulletproof vests and helmets at the [Institute of Mass Media](#). In order to do this, one should contact the Institute and fill in the appropriate [form](#).

Digital security in wartime

Before traveling to the war zone, it is recommended to delete sensitive information from your devices that may affect your physical safety or the safety of other people (*contacts, social networks, channels in Telegram, etc.*) in advance.

delete sensitive correspondence and set up auto-delete in messengers;

check the photo galleries on your devices to see if there are any photos/videos that will provoke the enemy;.

If possible, immediately upload the information you have collected to the cloud and then delete it from your devices. Additionally, please delete browsing history on your phone and laptop on a regular basis.

Rules for verification and distribution of information

The National Security Council of Ukraine and the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in their appeal to the civil population, public opinion leaders and journalists noted that the enemy generates dozens of fakes every day about the alleged surrender of Ukrainian defenders, proactive surrender of positions and unwillingness to fight for their native land.

Considering everything above-mentioned, it is recommended to follow simple rules of information verification and distribution, namely

- verify information through official agencies before trusting and sharing it;
- not to distribute materials from "personal sources" related to the events at the battlefield;
- refrain from public assessments of military operations, logistics, etc., as only the top military command has complete information from the battlefield and can make reliable forecasts;
- make it a rule to trust only official resources!

You should always remember that by spreading unverified materials you help the enemy to demoralize Ukrainian defenders and spread panic among the people!

What should not be posted on social media

Activity in social media has become a common thing in the life of a modern person. At the same time, we would like to draw the attention of civilians, opinion leaders and media representatives to what should not be posted on the Internet:

- photos or videos of the area where the shelling took place or the missile fell
- videos of flying missiles or the moment when the missile hit the ground;
- exact addresses, coordinates, detailed description of the place of hostilities;
- video and photos with identification signs - plates with street names, house numbers, large shops and supermarkets, subway stations, factories and enterprises, license plates;
- footage of the Ukrainian air defense system. Such activity can be identified by a distinctive explosion in the air and fireworks;
- numbers of schools, hospitals, kindergartens, supermarkets or other objects;
- video and photos of missiles hitting;
- any data on the actions and movements of Ukrainian troops and military equipment, their locations, as well as on the main military facilities;
- unverified information about the injured or dead;
- any information that is not verified by the state and is not from official resources.

It is strictly forbidden

to "stream" live missile shelling or bombing. Such footage will help the enemy to adjust fire and endanger the lives of other people. Hold off on publishing it;

voice and clarify the data on missile hits (exact addresses) in the comments.

What can you publish

if you witnessed the movement of enemy troops - you need to publish a photo with geo-tags and indicate the exact time and place. Be sure to report to the chatbot **@stop_russian_war_bot** of the Telegram mobile application;

you can share information about the dead, wounded and captured Russian military;

videos with the enemy committing a crime - publish to the widest audience possible;

repost official messages from Ukrainian authorities and information on refuting fakes.

At the same time, it should be taken as a rule that important information that should and can be published should also be checked.

What cannot be written and said in public

[Explanation of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine:](#)

do not say that there are no air defense means in a particular area of the battlefield, and do not indicate geographical data;

do not say there is only one road left safe to reach the settlement, and name which one;

do not say or write that the missile hit e.g. "school №7". it is better to say that the missile hit a residential area in this or that settlement;

do not say "the missile was targeting the train station, but hit a warehouse near the airfield", because the next missiles will come, and they will definitely hit the airfield.

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Do not respond to posts of strangers in social media who ask you to tell what the situation is in the location or specify the address where the missiles hit - they may be subversives.

The Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security reports that Russian adjusters also employ new tactics - they offer to help with the replacement of broken windows for free. "In this case, the "benefactor" can ask a lot of questions about your house and everything that is nearby," the center reports. It can also be an enemy adjuster.

Car and motorcycle drivers are not allowed

For the period of the martial law in Ukraine, the heads of military administrations have banned car and motorcycle drivers from using dashcams - so that drivers do not knowingly (or unwittingly) work for the enemy.

It is not allowed to film roads and public facilities, infrastructure, checkpoints, fortifications, location or movement of Ukrainian Armed Forces.

An example of writing a standard media request for professional activities

*It is recommended to print the request on the letterhead, which must contain the name of the media and contacts

From whom _____

To whom, full name, position, address _____

Dear Mr. _____,

We are writing to you with a request to do an interview for the news program of TV channel. We are strongly convinced that such a conversation will contribute to a better understanding of the situation in Ukraine and multilateral support of the state and citizens. Generally, featuring a number of Ukrainian opinion leaders and military commanders improves the understanding of the significance of the Russian invasion and will contribute to better cooperation between our countries, thus making the victory closer.

TV channel (name) is one of the most popular independent TV news programs, with an internationally recognized reputation for unbiased and fact-based reporting. We have three newscasts with a daily audience of __ million viewers across _____, with different demographics.

We are ready to talk to you at any time convenient for you about:

- 1....
- 2....
- ...

We are also ready to agree on the details closer to the date of the interview.

We would also like to request your permission to interview (full name) to discuss various aspects of Ukraine's struggle for freedom and independence due to the aggression of Russian Federation. In particular, we would be very interested to talk to the following military officials:

Major General of the Armed Forces of Ukraine _____

Brigadier General of the Armed Forces of Ukraine _____

Many thanks

Head of the international news section of the TV channel ____

Full name, position

e-mail address

Contact person, producer of TV news, channel NAME, phone ____ - ____ - ____

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- Call-centers at the joint command post of the Joint Forces, main command posts of the operational and tactical groups of the Joint Forces, in the group of troops of the operational command "South" (24/7) - multichannel communication numbers **0 (800) 500-410, (044) 454-44-99** (city)

- The Department of Finance of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine on financial support and social payments - **(044) 271-12-57**;

- on the facts of abuse by officials (thefts, illegal transactions in the receipt, write-off or procurement of property, completeness of payment of salaries to military servicemen, remuneration to the participants of the Joint Forces Operation, etc,

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Reception phone number - (044) 280-10-20,

e-mail: korrupcia.cent@gp.gov.ua

Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Ombudsman

Hotline phone number: 0-800-50-17-20.

Postal address: 21/8 Instytut's'ka street, Kyiv, 01008.

Single phone number of the free legal aid system of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine: 0-800-213-103 (free of charge from all stationary and mobile phones). They provide the phone number and address of the nearest free legal aid center on the territory of Ukraine.

E-mail: callcentre@minjust.gov.ua

Postal address: 01001 m. Kyiv, 13 Gorodetsky Street.

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Joint Center for coordination of search and liberation of people illegally deprived of their freedom as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation

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email: united.center.ssu@gmail.com

Regulatory acts

Interaction with mass media during the period of martial law is defined by The Constitution of Ukraine from 28 June 1996;

The Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Regime of the Martial Law" of May 12, 2015 (Bulletin of the Verkhovna Rada (VR), 2015, No. 28, p.250, with the latest amendments introduced by the Law No. 2259-IX of 12.05.2022);

Law of Ukraine "On Approval of the Decree of the President of Ukraine "On the Legal Regime of Martial Law" No. 2102-IX of 24.02.2022;

Law of Ukraine "On Public Associations" of March 22, 2012;

Law of Ukraine "On the Armed Forces of Ukraine" of December 6, 1991;

Law of Ukraine "On National Security of Ukraine" of June 21, 2018;

Law of Ukraine "On Volunteer Activity" of April 19, 2011;

Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on the Prohibition of the Production and Distribution of Information Products Aimed at Promoting the Actions of the Aggressor State" of March, 3 2022, No. 2109-IX;

Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine on Ensuring Counteraction to the Unauthorized Distribution of Information on the Direction, Movement of Weapons, Armaments and Ammunition to Ukraine, Movement, Relocation or Positioning of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or Other Military Units established in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine, committed in a State of Martial Law or Emergency", of March 24, 2022, No. 2160-IX;

The Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Strengthening Criminal Liability for the Production and Distribution of Prohibited Information Products", from March 3, 2022, No. 2110-IX, of March 3, 2022;

The Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Criminal Liability for Collaboration Activities", of March 3, 2022, No. 2108-I;

Law of Ukraine "On Printed Mass Media (Press) in Ukraine" of November 16, 1992, No. 2782-XII;

Law of Ukraine "On Protection of Public Ethics", of November, 20 2003, No. 1296-IV;

Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 487/2021 of September 27, 2021 "On the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2021-2026";

Decree of the President of Ukraine under No. 473/2021 of 17 September 2021 "On the Decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of 20 August 2021 "On the Strategic Defense Bulletin of Ukraine";

Decree of the President of Ukraine under No. 121/2021 of March 25, 2021 "On the Decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of March 25, 2021 "On the Military Security Strategy of Ukraine";

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine under No. 573 of July 8, 2020 "On the introduction and implementation of certain measures of the legal regime of martial law";

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 996 "On Ensuring Public Participation in the Formation and Implementation of State Policy";

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of December 29, 2021 No. 1450 "Procedure for establishing a ban or restriction on the choice of place of stay or place of residence of individuals on the territory where martial law is in effect";

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine under No.1456 of December 29, 2021 "Procedure for establishing a special regime of entry and exit, restriction of freedom of movement for citizens, foreigners and stateless individuals, as well as movement of vehicles in Ukraine or in some of its areas where martial law is in effect";

Order of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine under № 36 of February 8, 2022 "On Approval of the Instruction on the Procedure for Admission of Journalists, Mass Media Representatives to the Facilities of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine";

Order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine under № 73 of 03.03.2022 "On the organization of interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces and representatives of the media for the duration of the legal regime of martial law".

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