

Action Plan
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Goal

- Promoting the idea of adopting the Law on Opposition in Ukraine among MPs, politicians, Legislative and Executive bodies' staffers



Relevance / Concept

- The formation of the governing coalition – called Stability and Reform – was made possible due to 16 individual MPs crossing the party lines
- Marginalization of opposition is underway - through restricting access to media
- There is clear potential for monopolization of power – rather than bringing in professional technocrats, government posts are being filled with political appointees from Donbass



Attainability/ Outputs

- I will conduct research and legislative review to advance this initiative with the MPs that I regularly work with
- I will attempt to assemble the Parliamentary staffers working group that would be tasked to work on the Law on Opposition
- I will propose the idea of having regular meetings of various opposition MP's, their staffers and others with the ultimate aim of policy coordination
- I will seek and develop a Network of strong contacts among influential media representatives and academia - with the aim of protecting the rights of opposition through the media

Outcomes

- Law on Opposition would formalize the procedure for protecting the role of opposition and serve as a stabilizing factor in parliamentary process
- Strong opposition will play its constructive role through developing and advocating alternative policies



What happens next (e.g., in three years)?

- The impact of the effort in three years is uncertain.
- However, we have a high degree of confidence that the initiative will bring about increased awareness of the issues surrounding the work of the oppositions – among the MPs and in the broader political circles.
- We – the core group of parliamentary staffers that I attempt to assemble – will build on this awareness and will promote other ideas advancing democracy and rule of law.

