

LAW OF UKRAINE ON THE NATIONAL BANK OF UKRAINE, AS OF MAY 20, 1999

Section I. General Provisions

Article 1. Terms and definitions

Bank is a legal entity that, on the grounds of the license issued by the National Bank of Ukraine, carries out the activity involving attraction of credits from population and legal entities, provision of credits on its own terms and keeping of accounts.

Bank metals include gold, silver, platinum, the metals of platinum group brought (refined) to the highest world standards in bullions and powders which have the certificate of quality, also the coins made of precious metals.

Bank regulation is a function of the National Bank within the system of norms regulating the activity of banks, fixing the general principles of banking activity, the procedure of bank supervision, the amenability for violation of the banking legislation.

Bank supervision shall be understood as the system of control and regulated actions of the National Bank intended for observance of the law and fixed norms by the banks with the aim of ensuring the stability of banking system and protection of the interests of depositors.

Currency values are the material objects specified by the laws on currency regulation as the means of currency and financial relations.

Open market is the market where the operations on purchase and sale of securities are carried out between the entities that are not primary creditors and borrowers; as a result of sales at such market, not the issuer but the holder of securities receives the financial resources. As a rule, central banks use this market for purchase and sale of short-term government securities to regulate the money supply. Purchase helps increase the scope of investments into economy while sale leads to decrease of such scope.

Currency position is the relationship between the bank's requests and liabilities in foreign currency. If they are equal, the position is considered as closed, if they are unequal the position is open. The open position is short provided the scope of liabilities for sold currency exceeds the scope of requests; the position is long if the scope of requests for sold currency exceeds the scope of liabilities.

Monetary and credit policy shall be understood as the complex of measures pertaining to the money turnover and credits aimed at regulation of economic growth, curb on inflation, stability of the monetary unit of Ukraine, assurance of proper employment and leveling the balance of payment.

Monetary substitute involves any documents in the form of banknotes which differ from the monetary unit of Ukraine, which have been put into circulation by the entities other than the National Bank with the aim of effecting payments in trade turnover with exception of currency values;

Foreign exchange policy shall be understood as the regulation of currency exchange rate through purchase and sale in foreign currency.

Discount policy is the increase or decrease of the discount interest rates for credits by the National Bank in order to regulate the demand and supply pertaining to borrowed capital.

Gold and foreign currency reserves are the reserves of Ukraine reflected in the balance of the National Bank that involve the assets recognized by the world community as the international assets intended for international settlements.

Insider means a person (physical or legal) that has an access to classified information of a bank due to his position, stake in the bank's capital, family relations and thus can use such position in his own interests.

Creditor of last resort shall be understood, as a rule, as a central bank to which other banks or credit institutions may apply for refinancing in case all other potentials for refinancing have been exhausted. A Central Bank has the right to grant the credits for refinancing (but it is not liable to do so) if such practice does not entail the risks for the banking system.

Treasury bonds are the securities issued by the institutions authorized by the state, which are distributed, exclusively on a voluntary basis, among physical and legal entities; such bonds certify that their holders have made deductions to the budget and thus have the right to receive financial profit or enjoy other property rights pursuant to the terms specified for the issue of said bonds.

Metal accounts are the accounts opened by the authorized banks of Ukraine to keep record of the operations with bank metals.

Basic principles of monetary and credit policy comprise the complex of variable financial indicators enabling the National Bank, with the aid of the instruments (means and methods) of monetary and credit policy, to regulate the money turnover and crediting of the national economy in order to stabilize the monetary unit of Ukraine as a monetary precondition for economic growth and high level of employment.

Discount rate of the National Bank is the payment in percentage charged by the National Bank for refinancing of commercial banks through purchase of the bills of exchange before the due date of the bills; discount rate is deducted from a nominal value of the bills. Such rate is the lowest one among the rates of refinancing and serves as a benchmark for the money price.

Official publication of the National Bank is a special publication which is recognized by the National Bank as official and duly registered publication presenting the legal acts of the National Bank, information, analytical, statistical materials, the analysis of situation in the banking system of Ukraine, currency and financial markets and the like.

Official rate of exchange is the currency rate of exchange officially fixed by the National Bank of Ukraine as the institution authorized by the state.

Balance of payments is the relationship between the amount of monetary proceeds received by the country from abroad and the amount of payments effected by the country abroad within a certain period of time. The balance of payments includes the settlements relating to foreign trade, services, nontrade transactions, revenues from capital investments abroad, trade of licenses, freight and maintenance of ships, tourism, keeping the country's diplomatic and trade missions abroad, money transfers by physical persons, payment of foreign credits etc. The balance of payments also includes the movement of capital: investments and credits.

Reserve position in the International Monetary Fund shall be understood as the requests of a member country to the IMF specified as the difference between the quota and assets of the IMF in the currency of a member country less the monetary assets of the IMF received by a member country in the form of IMF credits and the balances on IMF account No 2 that does not exceed .1% of the a member country's quota.

Rates of refinancing of the National Bank are the payment in percentage for the credits granted to commercial banks; such rates are fixed by the National Bank in order to regulate the money turnover and crediting. The National Bank fixes the discount rate and Lombard rates.

Special drawing rights (SDR) shall be understood as the international reserve asset created by the International Monetary Fund in addition to the existing international reserve assets which is the “package” of five currencies whose composition is revised after each five year period. The SDR cost is determined on a daily basis.

Financial and credit institution is a legal entity engaged in one or several operations carried out by banks with the exception of the deposits made by households.

Price stability shall be understood as keeping the price system on a certain level through supporting the stable exchange rate of the monetary unit of Ukraine.

Insolvency means: - inability to meet the legitimate demands of creditors within the space of one month; and

Insolvency means: - decrease in equity capital to the amount that is less than one third of the sum fixed by the National Bank as the minimally required level.

Article 2. Legal framework of activity of the National Bank of Ukraine

The National Bank of Ukraine (hereinafter - the National Bank) shall be the central bank of Ukraine, a special central body of state management whose functions, tasks, powers and principles of organization are determined by the Constitution of Ukraine, this Law and other laws of Ukraine.

The management and the central bodies of the Bank of Ukraine shall be located in the city of Kyiv.

Article 3. Authorized capital

The National Bank shall have the authorized capital owned by the state.

The amount of authorized capital shall be 10 million hryvnias. The amount of the authorized capital may be increased by decision of the Council of the National Bank.

The authorized capital of the National Bank is formed from its revenue budget and, if necessary, from the state budget.

Article 4. Economic independence

The National Bank shall function as an economically independent institution, and normally makes expenditures financed from its own income within the limits of its budget; in the cases specified by this Law, the expenses may be covered by the state budget.

The National Bank shall be a legal entity that has separate property subject to the public property law and which remains in its full economic possession.

The National Bank shall not be liable for the commitments of the bodies of state power and management while these bodies are not liable for the commitments of the National Bank unless they voluntarily assume such commitments.

The National Bank shall not be liable for the commitments of other banks like other banks are not liable for the commitments of the National Bank unless they voluntarily assume such commitments.

The National Bank may open its affiliates and missions in Ukraine and elsewhere.

The National Bank, its institutions, affiliates and missions shall have the stamp showing the national emblem of Ukraine and their names.

Article 5. Revenues and expenditures

Gaining profit shall not be an objective of the National Bank of Ukraine.

The planned revenues and expenditures of the National Bank shall be reflected in its budget. The budget shall enable the National Bank to fulfill the functions fixed by the Constitution of Ukraine and this Law.

According to the annual results, in the event of excess of budget revenues over budget expenditures fixed for the current budget year, the National Bank, in the year following the accounting year, shall include the positive difference for covering the budget deficit; in case of excess of expenditures over revenues, the difference shall be compensated from the state budget.(Effectiveness of Part three of Article 5 has been suspended for 2000 in line with the Law of Ukraine of 17.02.2000, N1458-III)

Formation of funds and reserves of the National Bank to provide for the financial risks, connected with fulfillment of its functions, shall be performed in line with the rules approved by the Council of the National Bank.

Article 6. Basic function

In accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, the basic function of the National Bank shall be to ensure stability of Ukrainian monetary unit.

In order to fulfill this function the National Bank shall help to maintain stability of the banking system and (within its jurisdiction) prices.

Article 7. Other functions

The National Bank shall perform the following functions:

- (1) to determine and implement the state monetary and credit policy consistent with the basic principles of such policy elaborated by the Bank's board;**
- (2) to carry out monopolistic issue of the national currency of Ukraine and to organize its circulation;**
- (3) to act as a lender of last resort for banks, to organize a refinancing system;**
- (4) to formulate the rules of banking transactions, accounting and reporting, information, funds and property security for banks and other credit institutions;**
- (5) to organize the establishment and methodological support of the system of monetary, credit and banking statistical information, and balance of payment statistics;**
- (6) to fix the system, procedure and forms of settlements, including the settlements between banks and other financial and credit institutions;**
- (7) to outline the directions for development of state-of-the-art electronic banking technologies, to coordinate and exercise control over creation of electronic payment instruments, settlement systems, automation of banking activities and the facilities for banking data security;**
- (8) to perform banking regulation and supervision;**
- (9) to keep the Register of banks, affiliates and representative offices thereof, foreign currency exchanges and credit institutions, to perform licensing of banking and other transactions in the cases stipulated by law;**
- (10) to draw up the balance of payments, to perform its analysis and prognostication;**

- (11) to represent the interests of Ukraine in central banks of other states, international banks and other credit institutions where cooperation is conducted on the level of central banks;**
- (12) to carry out currency regulation, to establish a procedure of settlements in foreign currency, to organize and exercise monetary control over commercial banks and other credit institutions that have received the license of the National Bank for carrying out the transactions with currency values in compliance with the powers set forth by a special law;**
- (13) to ensure accumulation, custody and execution of transactions with gold and monetary reserves, also with bank precious metals;**
- (14) to analyze the situation in monetary, credit, financial, price and currency relations;**
- (15) to organize the collection and transportation of banknotes, coins and other valuables, to issue the licenses for the right of collection and transportation of banknotes, coins and other valuables;**
- (16) to implement the state policy related to protection of the state secrets in the system of the National Bank;**
- (17) to participate in personnel training for the banking system of Ukraine;**
- (18) to perform other functions in the sphere of crediting and finances within the jurisdiction fixed by the law.**

Section II. Governing Bodies of the National Bank

Article 8. Governing Bodies

The managerial bodies of the National Bank shall be the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine (hereafter – NBU Council) and the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Ukraine (hereafter – NBU Board).

Article 9. Powers of the Council of the National Bank

The Council of the Bank of Ukraine shall:

- (1) develop the Basic principles of monetary and credit policy, submit them for information of the Ukrainian Supreme Council by September 15, exercise control over their implementation pursuant to the general state economic program and basic parameters of economic and social development of Ukraine;**
- (2) analyze the effect of monetary and credit policy of Ukraine on social and economic development of the country, work out the proposals on amending this policy;**
- (3) adopt Rules for the NBU Council;**
- (4) approve the budget of the National Bank, submit, by September 1, to the Supreme Council and Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the projected indicators of the budget balance to include them into the draft state budget for the next year;**
- (5) decide on increasing the authorized capital of the National Bank;**
- (6) specify the audit company for auditing the National Bank, consider the audit results, approve the accounting balance sheet of the National Bank, publish the annual balance sheet of the National Bank of Ukraine in official press;**

- (7) agree, every year by July 1, the report on implementation of the National Bank's budget and distribution of profit in the accounting budget year;
- (8) approve the Board's decisions on participation in international organizations ;
 - approve the Regulations of the National Bank's Council;
- (9) Submit recommendations to the NBU Board within the framework of basic principles of monetary and credit policy concerning the following:
 - methods and forms of forecasting the macroindicators of economic and social development of Ukraine, and the monetary and credit policy;
 - certain monetary and regulatory measures and their effect on economic and social development of Ukraine;
 - the policy of exchange rate formation and currency regulation;
 - development of the banking system and the normative acts on banking activities; -improvement of payment system;
 - other issues, which are within the jurisdiction of the National Bank in line with the Law;
- (10) submit recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the effect of the state borrowing policy and tax policy on the monetary and credit sphere of Ukraine;
- (11) in order to ensure implementation of the basic principles of monetary and credit policy it shall have the right to impose a suspensive veto on decisions of the NBU Board in the following areas:
 - a) diversification of the NBU assets and their liquidity;
 - b) formation of reserves and loan-loss provisioning;
 - c) procedure for deduction of revenues to the state budget of Ukraine;
 - d) minimum amount of gold and currency reserves;
 - e) other issues within its jurisdiction.

The Council of the National Bank shall have no right to make recommendations on expediency of appointment or discharge of Chairman of the National Bank or members of the Board, or to assess the individual performance of the NBU's officials.

The NBU Council shall appraise the Board's activities to carry out the basic principles of the monetary and credit policy and other issues, decisions on which are obligatory for the Board.

Provided the National Bank repeatedly does not fulfill or improperly fulfills the decisions of the Council which shall be fulfilled pursuant to this Law, the National Bank's Council may apply to the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine, or to the Supreme Council of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine with the statement of their position.

Article 10. Composition and Formation of the Council of the National Bank

The Council of the National Bank shall be composed of members of the NBU Council, appointed by the President of Ukraine and the Supreme Council of Ukraine. The Chairman of the National Bank appointed by the Supreme Council of Ukraine at the submission of the President of Ukraine shall become a NBU Council member ex officio.

Nationals of Ukraine who have higher economic or financial education or scientific degree in finance or economics with experience of permanent work in the legislative bodies or on high official posts of central executive bodies of Ukraine or in a banking institution, or who have experience of scientific work in the sphere of finance or economics shall have the right to be members of the Council of the National Bank.

The President of Ukraine shall appoint 7 members of the NBU Council, , through issuing the edict to this effect.

The Supreme Rada of Ukraine shall appoint 7 members of the NBU Council through issuing the resolution to this effect.

The candidatures subject to the Supreme Council's approval as the NBU Council members shall be discussed at the special open session of sectoral committee of the Supreme Council of Ukraine which submits recommendations for the Supreme Council's consideration.

Regular appointment of the Council's members shall be effected not later than three months before termination of the term of office of previously appointed members of the NBU Council.

The term of office of the Council's members shall be seven years excluding the Chairman of the National Bank who is appointed for the duration of his actual term of office.

Powers of the Council's members shall be terminated when the term of their office expires or in the event of:

- their own wish, provided a written application is submitted;
- suspension of their citizenship or leaving Ukraine for permanent residence abroad;
- committing of a crime stated in a court verdict that has come into effect;
- their death or on the grounds of the court decision on regarding a member dead or missing;

In such cases it is allowed to appoint a new NBU Council member earlier than one year from the date of appointment of a member, who dropped out of the NBU Council.

The powers of the appointed NBU Council shall be terminated ahead of time if the President of Ukraine or the Supreme Council of Ukraine make a statement about the distrust of it since it failed to fulfill the basic principles of monetary and credit policy according to the results of the year and did not ensure the stability of a monetary unit of Ukraine. In this case the President of Ukraine and the Supreme Council of Ukraine shall discharge their representatives and appoint a new composition of the NBU Council.

The President of Ukraine shall discharge the NBU Council members appointed by him by way of issuing an edict to this effect, but not earlier than 1 year from the date of appointment.

The Supreme Council of Ukraine shall remove members of the Council, approved by it, from office through issuing the resolution to this effect upon the request of sectoral committee but not earlier than one year from the date of approval.

The powers of Chairman of the National Bank as member of the Council of the National Bank shall be terminated ahead of time in the event of his resignation or his dismissal from the office as a result of other reasons specified by this Law.

Members of the Council shall perform their functions on a voluntary basis. Factual expenditures that the Council members sustain when performing their duties pursuant to the National Bank's Council Regulations shall be paid for them.

Internal issues of the Council work, clerical work and other issues shall be specified by the Regulations which are approved at the Council sessions.

Accommodation, institutional and material support of the Council shall be provided from the National Bank's budget.

Article 11. Working Procedures of the Council of the National Bank

Meetings of the Council of the National Bank shall be called at least once every quarter.

Extraordinary meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Head of the Council of the National Bank on his own initiative or by the Council if at least one third of the total number of members insist on such meetings, and also at the request of the NBU Governor. Members of the Council shall be notified about a meeting at least five days in advance. Procedure of preparation for extraordinary meetings shall be specified by the Council's Regulations.

Meetings of the Council of the National Bank shall be considered as competent if attended at least by ten members of the Council.

A meeting of the Council shall be chaired by the Head of the Council of the National Bank or, in case the Head is absent, by the first Deputy Head in accordance with its Regulations.

Decisions shall be taken by simple majority of votes of the total number of the Council members attending the meeting. Each member shall have one vote.

Managers of central state bodies, representatives of economic agents, scientists or other experts can be invited to a meeting of the Council.

Members of the Board of the National Bank may participate in the work of the Council of the National Bank with the right of deliberative vote.

Article 12. Head of the Council of the National Bank and his Deputy

Head of the Council of the National Bank and his deputy shall be elected by the Council for the term of three years.

Head of the Council of the National Bank shall:

- organize the Council meetings and act as chairman at such meetings;
- convene extraordinary meetings of the Council on his own initiative or if at least one third of the Council members insist on such meetings, or if the NBU Governor insists on this;
- perform other powers and functions pursuant to the Council Regulations.

The Head of the NBU Council shall have a deputy, who will be elected by the NBU Council for the term of three years.

The Deputy acts for the Council Head in case of the latter's absence or inability to perform his duties, also performs other functions pursuant to the Council decisions.

Head of the Council or his deputy may be dismissed within the term of their office in the following cases:

- expiry of his term of office;
- at his own wish, given the written request;
- systematic failure to perform his duties for four months as a result of poor health.

In case of termination of the term of office of the Council's head or his deputy, the elections to this post shall be carried pursuant to this Law.

Article 13. Decisions of the Council and Suspensive Veto

Materials of the Council's meetings shall be prepared in the form of minutes and decisions; they are signed by chairman of a meeting.

The Council's decisions on basic principles of monetary and credit policy and on issues, specified in Items 4-8, 11 of Article 9 of this Law shall be compulsory for the Board of Directors.

The Council's recommendations shall be considered by the Board within the space of five working days. Having considered such recommendations, the Board shall send a well-grounded reply to the Council.

Provided the Council imposes the suspensive veto on a Board's decision, the latter shall become effective only if it is confirmed by two thirds of the Board's members not later than five days from the date of imposing the veto. If, within this term, the decision is not confirmed by two thirds of the total number of the Board's members, such decision shall become invalid. Provided the decision had become effective before the suspensive veto was imposed on it, the decision is suspended for the period of the suspensive veto consideration by the Board.

The Council's decisions shall be promulgated excluding the cases when such decisions are regarded as the state, banking or company secret pursuant to the law.

It is prohibited for the Council's members to divulge the state, banking or company secrets which have become known to them in connection with performance of their duties in line with the Regulations.

Article 14. Functions of the Board of Directors of the National Bank

The Board, in compliance with the Basic Principles of Monetary and Credit Policy, shall, through appropriate monetary instruments and other means of banking regulation, ensure implementation of monetary and credit policy and organize performance of other functions pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 of this Law, and manage the activities of the National Bank.

Article 15. Powers of the Board of Directors of the National Bank

The Board of Directors shall:

(1) take decisions as follows:

- on economic means and monetary methods required for implementation of the Basic Principles of Monetary and Credit Policy in conformity with decisions taken by the Council on these issues and necessity to ensure stability and purchasing power of the national currency;**
- on emission of the Ukrainian currency and withdrawal of banknotes and coins from circulation;**
- on changing interests rates of the National Bank;**
- on diversification of the NBU assets and their liquidity;**
- on limits of the off-balance-sheet liabilities;**
- on formation of reserves and loan-loss provisions of the NBU;**

- on distribution of revenues and procedures for revenue transfers to the State Budget of Ukraine;
- on minimum amount of gold and currency reserves of the National Bank of Ukraine;
- on establishing limits for transactions in the open market, carried out by the National Bank of Ukraine;
- on the list of securities and other assets suitable for securing the credits of the National Bank;
- on conditions for participation of foreign capital in the banking system of Ukraine;
- on establishment of prudential regulations for the bank;
- on size and procedure for the fulfillment of reserve requirements of the banks;
- on application of enforcement measures to banks and credit institutions;
- on establishment and dissolution of enterprises and institutions of the National Bank;
- on participation in international financial organizations;
- on purchase and sale of property essential for the National Bank's activity;

(2) submit for consideration of the Council of the Bank of Ukraine the following documents: an annual report of the National Bank and a draft expense and revenue budget for the next year, other documents and decisions in line with Article 9 of this Law; provide for the information purposes accounting, statistical and other data on the activities of the NBU and banking system of Ukraine, which are necessary for the fulfillment of tasks by the Council, at the request of the Council;

(3) determine organizational principles and a structure of the National Bank, approve the regulations for structural divisions and institutions of the National Bank, the charters of entities and enterprises thereof, the procedure of appointment of managers of divisions, enterprises and entities;

(4) approve the manning table of the National Bank and forms of labor remuneration;

(5) establish the procedure of issuing licenses for banking activities, as well as other licenses in cases stipulated by law;

(6) issue the normative acts of the National Bank;

(7) approve Regulations of the Board of Directors;

(8) perform the functions set forth in Articles 3, 23, 28, 60, 64 of this Law as well as other functions proceeding from the primary objective of the National Bank.

Article 16. Composition of the Board of Directors of the National Bank The Board of Directors shall be headed by Chairman of the National Bank.

The number and composition of the Board's members shall be approved by the Council of the National Bank as submitted by Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine.

Deputy Chairmen of the National Bank shall be included into the Board's composition ex officio. **Article 17. Working Procedures of the Board of Directors**

Procedures of organization and holding the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be specified in the Standing Orders of the Board of Directors of the National Bank.

Article 18. Appointment and Dismissal of the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine

The Chairman of the National Bank shall be appointed by the Supreme Council of Ukraine by submission of the President of Ukraine for the term of 5 years by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Supreme Council of Ukraine.

Provided a nominee proposed by the President of Ukraine is not approved by the Supreme Council of Ukraine, the issues on running the National Bank and new nomination shall be regulated by the legislation on temporary performance of duties of the officials who are appointed, given the Supreme Council's approval, by the President of Ukraine or by the Supreme Council by submission of the President of Ukraine. One candidature cannot be proposed more than twice.

The Chairman of the National Bank shall be dismissed by the Supreme Council of Ukraine at the proposal of the President of Ukraine in the following cases:

- (1) expiration of the term of office;**
- (2) committing a crime stated in a court verdict of guilty that has come into effect;**
- (3) resignation for political or personal reasons submitted in a written form and approved by the President of Ukraine;**
- (4) death or provided a court's verdict stating that a person is dead or missing;**
- (5) termination of citizenship or leaving abroad for a permanent residence;**
- (6) by submission of the President of Ukraine within the limits of his constitutional powers.**

Article 19. Duties and Powers of the Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine

The Chairman of the National Bank shall:

- (1) manage the National Bank;**
- (2) act on behalf of the Bank and represent its interests without a power of attorney in relations with state bodies, administrations, banks, financial and credit institutions, international organizations, other institutions and organizations;**
- (3) chair the meetings of the Board of Directors of the National Bank;**
- (4) sign minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, orders, and edicts, the agreements concluded by the National Bank;**
- (5) assign duties to Deputy Chairmen;**
- (6) give instructions obligatory for execution by all employees of the Bank, its enterprises and institutions;**
- (7) make decisions on other issues of the Bank's activity except those included within exclusive competence of the Board of Directors and the Council of the Bank pursuant to this Law;**
- (8) bear personal responsibility for activities of the National Bank to the Supreme Council and President of Ukraine.**

Article 20. Deputy Chairmen of the National Bank

The Chairman of the National Bank shall have one first deputy chairman and three deputy chairmen who shall be appointed and dismissed by him given the Council's approval.

Article 21. Appointment and Dismissal of Department Directors

Directors of the Bank's departments shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chairman of the National Bank pursuant to the labor laws of Ukraine.

Section III. Organizational Principles and Structure of the National Bank

Article 22. Structure of the National Bank

The Bank's structure shall be arranged according to the principle of centralization with vertical subordination.

The Bank's system shall comprise the central office, affiliates (territorial departments), clearing houses, banknote factory and mint, banknote paper plant, State Treasury of Ukraine, Central Depository, specialized institutions, banking training institutions and other structural units and subdivisions required for support of the Bank's activities.

The Bank shall, within the framework of the laws in force, independently deal with the issues of organization, establishment, liquidation and reorganization of specialized institutions, other structural units and subdivisions, also approve their charters and regulations.

The Bank shall have an internal security service armed with fire combat weapon for collection and protection of its valuables and facilities.

Article 23. Status of Affiliates

Affiliates (territorial departments) of the National Bank shall not have the status of a legal entity and shall not issue the normative acts; they may act on behalf of the Bank within the scope of powers delegated by it. Objectives and functions of the Bank's affiliates shall be defined in a Statute approved by the Board of Directors.

Section IV. Monetary and Credit Policy

Article 24. Basic Principles of Monetary and Credit Policy

Basic principles of monetary and credit policy shall be based on main criteria and macroeconomic indices of the national economic development program and the basic parameters of socioeconomic development of Ukraine for a corresponding period (the volume of gross domestic product, projected inflation level, state budget deficit and sources for its coverage, payment and trade balance) approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The National Bank shall annually inform the Supreme Council of Ukraine about the main directions of credit and monetary policy worked out by the Bank for the next year and for a longer outlook.

Article 25 Instruments and Methods of Monetary and Credit Policy

Main economic instruments and methods of monetary policy shall be understood as regulation of money supply through:

- (1) determination and regulation of the scope of minimum reserve requirements of commercial banks;**
- (2) interest rate policy;**
- (3) refinancing of commercial banks;**
- (4) management of gold and currency reserves;**
- (5) transactions with securities (excluding the corporate ones), including treasury bills, at the open market;**
- (6) regulation of import and export of capital.**
- (7) issuance of own bonds and transactions with them.**

Article 26. Rates of Statutory Reserves

The National Bank shall establish the scope of statutory reserves for banks and other financial and credit institutions. In doing so:

- (1) the National Bank shall fix the single size of statutory reserves for banks, financial and credit institutions as a percentage of the total amount of funds in local and foreign currency attracted by a bank;**
- (2) different amounts of minimal legal reserves may be established for different types of liabilities;**
- (3) the decision on increasing the amount of such reserves shall come into effect not earlier than in 10 days after its publication.**

Article 27. Interest Rates

The National Bank shall establish the procedure for fixing the discount and other interest rates for transactions thereof.

Article 28. Management of Gold and Currency Reserves

The National Bank shall provide the management of the state gold and currency reserves through currency interventions by means of purchase and sale of currency values in foreign markets with the aim of regulation of the national currency exchange rate, also the money supply and demand in Ukraine.

Article 29. Open Market Transactions

Open market transactions of the Bank shall involve the purchase and sale of Treasury bills, and other securities (excluding the corporate ones) and bonds determined by the NBU Board.

Article 30. Regulation of Import and Export of Capital

The National Bank shall, in compliance with the laws on foreign economic activities and the system of monetary regulation and control, regulate import and export of capital.

Article 31. Funds of the State Budget of Ukraine

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall keep funds of the State Budget of Ukraine and nonbudgetary funds at the National Bank on the State Treasury accounts.

Conditions and procedures of servicing the funds of the State Budget of Ukraine shall be stipulated by the agreement between the National Bank and the State Treasury of Ukraine.

Section V. Cash Circulation Management

Article 32. Monetary Unit

The monetary unit of Ukraine shall be the hryvnia equal to 100 kopecks.

The issue and circulation of other monetary units and the use of currency substitutes as payment instruments on the territory of Ukraine shall be prohibited.

Official correlation between hryvnia and gold or other precious metals shall not be fixed.

Article 33 Powers of the National Bank Relating to Cash Circulation In

order to organize the cash circulation, the National Bank shall provide:

- (1) manufacturing and safekeeping of banknotes and coins;
- (2) establishment of reserve funds of banknotes and coins;
- (3) fixing of nominal values, safety systems, payment features and design of banknotes and coins;
- (4) establishment of the procedure for replacing the damaged banknotes and coins;
- (5) fixing the rules for putting into circulation, storage, transportation, withdrawal and collection of cash;
- (6) establishment of the procedure for cash operations of banks, credit institutions, enterprises and organizations;
- (7) setting the requirements for technical safety and security measures for banking

institution. **Article 34. Emission**

The National Bank shall have an exclusive right to put hryvnia and small coins into circulation (emission), to provide their circulation and withdrawal.

Cash shall be in circulation in the form of currency denominations: banknotes (paper) and coins (metal). The total amount of banknotes and coins put into circulation shall be specified in accounts of the National Bank as its liabilities.

Banknotes and coins shall be the direct liabilities of the National Bank; they shall be backed by total assets of the Bank.

Article 35. Circulation of Banknotes and Coins

Hryvnia (banknotes and coins), in the capacity of the national currency, shall be the only legal tender in the territory of Ukraine to be accepted by all physical and legal entities throughout the territory of the country with no restrictions for all types of payment, as well as for entering to accounts, deposits, letters of credit and transfers.

Article 36. Exchange Rate of Hryvnia

The National Bank of Ukraine shall fix and publish the official exchange rate of hryvnia.

In order to regulate the exchange rate of hryvnia, the National Bank of Ukraine shall use the gold and currency reserve, purchase and sell securities, fix and change the refunding rate, apply other instruments to regulate the money supply in circulation.

Article 37. Convertibility of Hryvnia

Conditions and procedures of hryvnia convertibility in foreign currency shall be established by the National Bank in compliance with the current legislation on currency regulation.

The National Bank may not limit the rights of participants in the foreign exchange market to carry out the transactions with foreign currency which are provided by the law.

Article 38. Replacement of Worn Out and Damaged Banknotes and Coins

Worn out or damaged banknotes and coins shall be accepted and exchanged free of charge by the National Bank and commercial banks of Ukraine without any limitations concerning the amounts and terms of such replacement.

The National Bank shall fix the methods for assessing the soundness of banknotes, also the procedure for exchanging the worn out and damaged banknotes.

Article 39. Withdrawal of Banknotes and Coins from Circulation

The National Bank and commercial banks of Ukraine shall be obliged to withdraw false or forged banknotes and coins as well as those lacking the necessary indicators of soundness.

The National Bank shall establish the procedure for withdrawal of such banknotes which is specified by the relevant normative acts.

The Bank and commercial banks shall not be obliged to compensate for the banknotes and coins, which have been destroyed, or which are lost, false or forged, or those that have become invalid.

The National Bank shall officially inform through the news media about the withdrawal of banknotes and coins of Ukraine.

Manufacturing of forged banknotes and coins for putting them into circulation or putting them into circulation shall be punishable under the Ukrainian law.

Section VI. Settlements and Accounting

Article 40. Regulation of Settlements

The National Bank shall fix the rules, forms and standards of settlements for banks and other legal and physical entities engaged in the trade turnover of Ukraine utilizing both paper, electronic documents and cash, coordinate the process of settlements, give permissions for clearing operations and settlements by means of electronic documents.

The National Bank shall ensure execution of interbank settlements through its institutions, gives permission for interbank settlements using the direct correspondent relations of commercial banks and their settlement systems.

Article 41. Regulation of Accounting

The National Bank shall establish the standards and rules of accounting and reporting compulsory for banks and other credit institutions in line with the Ukrainian law.

Section VII. Operations of the National Bank

Article 42 Types of the National Bank's operations

The National Bank shall perform the following operations in order to fulfill its functions:

- 1) grant the credits to commercial banks, financial and credit institutions in order to support their liquidity at the rate not below the National Bank's rate of refunding; this procedure is specified by the National Bank;**
- 2) conduct the discount operations with bills and checks in line with the procedure fixed by the National Bank of Ukraine;**
- 3) purchase and sell securities in the secondary market according to the procedures stipulated by the law;**
- 4) open its own correspondent and metal accounts with foreign banks, keep the accounts of correspondent banks;**
- 5) purchase and sell the currency values in order to exercise monetary regulation;**
- 6) safe keep, purchase and sell the bank metals, precious metals and stones and other valuables, memorial and investment coins made of precious metals at local and foreign markets without quotas and licenses;**
- 7) distribute the gold and currency reserves independently or through the banks authorized by it to conduct the currency transactions, perform the operations with gold and currency reserves of Ukraine and with the banks whose rating, pursuant the classification of international rating agencies, meets the requirements to the banks of category A;**
- 8) accept the state securities and other valuables for custody and management;**
- 9) issue the warranties and guarantees according to the statute, approved by the Council of the National Bank;**
- 10) keep the account of the State Treasury of Ukraine free of charge and interest free;**
- 11) carry out the operations on the state debt servicing involving the floating of securities, their repayment and dividends;**
- 12) keep the personal accounts of the National Bank's employees;**
- 13) keep the accounts of international organizations;**
- 14) withdraws, in indisputable manner, the funds from accounts of its clients pursuant to the Ukrainian law including on the grounds of a court ruling.**

The National Bank may carry out other operations essential for execution of its

functions. Article 43. Participation in International Organizations

The National Bank may participate in formation of capital and activities of international organizations in accordance with the international agreements signed by Ukraine, the agreements concluded between the National Bank and foreign central banks.

Section VIII. Operations of the National Bank with Currency Values

Article 44. Powers in the Sphere of Currency Regulation

The National Bank shall act as an authorized state entity when applying the laws on currency regulation and control.

The National Bank's jurisdiction in the sphere of currency control shall include:

- 1) issue of the normative acts on currency transactions;**
- 2) issue and withdrawal of licenses, control over activities of banks and other institutions that have received the National Bank's license for carrying out the transactions with currency values;**
- 3) establishment of the limits of an open currency position for banks and other institutions which purchase and sell foreign currency.**

Article 45. Organization of the Foreign Exchange Market

The National Bank shall determine the structure of the foreign exchange market of Ukraine and organize the trade in foreign currency in it in compliance with the law on currency regulation.

Article 46. Discount and Exchange Currency Policy

The National Bank shall implement the discount and exchange currency policy and apply currency restrictions if necessary.

The National Bank shall pursue the discount currency policy by changing its discount rate for the capital movement regulation and payment liabilities balancing, as well as for adjustment of exchange rate of the Ukrainian national currency.

The National Bank shall conduct the exchange currency policy for the purposes of regulation of the exchange rate of the Ukrainian currency through purchasing and selling of foreign currency at financial markets.

Article 47. Structure of the Gold and Currency Reserve

To ensure internal and external stability of the Ukrainian monetary unit, the National Bank shall have a gold and currency reserve composed of the following assets:

- monetary gold;**
- special drawing rights;**
- reserve position in the International Monetary Fund;**
- foreign currency in the form of banknotes and coins or the funds on accounts abroad;**
- securities (except the shares) paid in foreign currency;**
- any other internationally recognized reserve assets provided that their reliability and liquidity are guaranteed.**

Article 48. Replenishment and Use of the Gold and Currency Reserve

The National Bank shall replenish its gold and currency reserves through:

- 1) purchase of the monetary gold and foreign currency;**
- 2) revenues from transactions with foreign currency, bank metals and other internationally recognized reserve assets;**

3) attraction of currency assets from international financial organizations, central banks of foreign states and other creditors.

The National Bank shall use the gold and currency reserve for the following purposes:

- 1) sale of currency at financial markets for implementation of the monetary and credit policy, including the exchange rate policy;
- 2) cover of the costs of transactions with foreign currency, monetary metals and other internationally recognized reserve assets.

The gold and currency reserve shall not be used to grant credits and guarantees and other commitments to residents and nonresidents of Ukraine.

Article 49. Safekeeping of the Gold and Currency Reserve

The National Bank shall be the sole custodian of the state gold and currency reserve, also precious metals, stones, and other valuables belonging to the state.

Article 50. Non-sale Currency Revenues and Losses

Revenues and losses of the Bank arising from changes in evaluation of assets and liabilities represented in the form of bank gold and foreign currency, special drawing rights, due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and price of gold, shall be accounted for and compensated in the following way:

- 1) net foreign exchange revenues and losses shall be balanced by a corresponding amount on special reserve account for reassessment of currency reserves in the balance sheet of the National Bank;
- 2) said net revenues and losses shall not be taken into consideration in calculation of annual revenue of the National Bank.

Section IX. Relations of the National Bank with the President of Ukraine, the Supreme Council and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Article 51. Accountability

The National Bank shall be accountable to the President and Supreme Council of Ukraine within their constitutional jurisdiction.

Accountability shall mean the following:

- (1) appointment to the position and discharge from the position of Chairman of the National Bank by the Supreme Council of Ukraine upon submission of the President of Ukraine;
- (2) appointment and discharge of a half of members of the National Bank's Council by the President of Ukraine;
- (3) appointment and discharge of a half of members of the National Bank's Council by the Supreme Council of Ukraine;
- (4) report of the Bank's Chairman to the Supreme Council of Ukraine about the National Bank's activities;

(5) submission of information on the situation in monetary and credit market of the country to the President and Supreme Council of Ukraine twice a year.

Article 52. Relations with the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

The National Bank and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall consult each other on the issues of monetary and credit policy, development and implementation of the national program of economic and social development.

Upon the request of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the National Bank shall submit the information about monetary processes.

Upon the Bank's request, the Cabinet of Ministers and ministries shall inform the Bank about the factors affecting the balance of payments.

The National Bank shall support the economic policy of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine unless such policy is not detrimental to stability of the Ukrainian currency.

The Chairman of the National Bank or one of the Deputy Chairmen on his commission may participate in meetings of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with the right of deliberative vote.

Article 53. Guarantees of Noninterference

Any interference of state legislative and executive bodies or officials thereof into exercise of functions and powers of the Council of the National Bank, or the Board of Directors of the National Bank shall be banned.

Article 54. Granting Credits to the State

It shall be prohibited for the National Bank to grant direct credits both in national and foreign currency for financing the expenditures of the state budget of Ukraine.

Section X. Banking Regulation and Banking Supervision

Article 55. Objective and Sphere of Banking Supervision

The chief goal of banking supervision shall be to ensure security and financial stability of the banking system, to protect the interests of depositors and creditors.

The National Bank shall perform the functions of banking regulation and supervision of activities of banks, other financial and credit institutions within the limits and in line with the procedure specified by the Ukrainian law.

The National Bank shall exercise permanent supervision of compliance with banking laws, normative acts issued by the Bank and economic standards by banks and other financial and credit institutions.

Article 56. Normative acts of the National Bank

The National Bank shall issue the normative acts within its jurisdiction, binding for the state authorities, banks, enterprises and institutions irrespective of forms of ownership thereof as well as for physical persons.

Normative acts of the National Bank shall be issued in the form of resolutions of the Board of Directors of the National Bank, as well as instructions, statutes and rules approved by resolutions of

the Board of Directors. They shall not contradict the laws of Ukraine and shall not be used retroactively unless they mitigate or cancel the responsibility.

Legal and normative acts of the Bank shall be registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and enter into force in compliance with the legislation of Ukraine.

Normative acts of the National Bank shall be appealed against pursuant to the procedure established by the law.

Article 57. Access to Information

In order to perform its functions the National Bank shall have the right to obtain free of charge access the information on activities of banks, financial and credit institutions in accordance with their licenses, also clarifications in respect of the information obtained or transactions performed.

For preparation of banking and financial statistics, analysis of the economic situation the National Bank may obtain the necessary information from state management bodies and economic agents of all forms of ownership.

Such information shall not be disclosed except for the cases specified by the Ukrainian

law. Article 58. Economic Rates

In order to protect the interests of depositors and creditors, to provide the financial reliability of banks, other financial and credit institutions, the National Bank, pursuant to the procedure fixed by it, shall establish the compulsory economic rates (standards) for them. Such rates are supposed to ensure control over the risks related to capital, liquidity, or credits to shareholders and insiders (related parties), extension of big credits, capital investments, as well as interest and currency risks.

The National Bank shall officially notify about subsequent changes of rates and methods of their calculation not later than one month before they are put into effect.

Article 59. Risk Covering Reserves

The National Bank shall determine the amounts, formation and utilization procedures for the reserves of banks and credit institutions to cover possible credit associated losses, as well as the reserves to cover the currency, interest and other financial risks.

Reserves for covering possible financial risks and for insurance funds shall be created from the income before taxation pursuant to the law.

Article 60. Assessment of Professional Adequacy

The National Bank shall specify the professional requirements to managers of executive bodies, chief accountants of banks and credit institutions; the Bank has the right to demand dismissal from these positions of the persons who do not meet the specified requirements for working on such positions.

If a bank, credit institution or an employee against whom the demand on dismissal has been made do not agree with the latter, they may appeal against it in a court within the space of two weeks. In such case execution of dismissal demand shall be suspended until the judgment of the court is made.

Article 61. Fulfillment of Supervisory and Regulatory Functions

The National Bank shall perform its supervisory and regulatory functions stipulated by this Law either directly or through a banking supervisory body set up at the Bank.

The National Bank shall perform its supervisory and regulatory functions through the following:

- 1) carry out all types of on site inspection of banks, financial and credit institutions in Ukraine (except for inspections and audits of financial and economic activity), as well as the verification of reliability of information provided by legal and physical entities in case of registration of banks, financial and credit institutions and licensing of banking operations;
- 2) may require convening the general meetings of shareholders (participants) of banks, financial and credit institutions, determines the issues on which decisions of such meetings should be taken;
- 3) may participate in the meetings of shareholders (participants), the meetings of supervisory council, the board or the audit commission of a bank or any other financial and credit institution with the right of deliberative vote.

The National Bank may put forward the requirements to perform the compulsory audits of banks, other financial and credit institutions; the National Bank may obtain the reports of independent auditors on performance of banks, financial and credit institutions.

Article 62. Sanctions

Whenever a bank violates the banking legislation or regulatory acts of the National Bank, or conducts risky transactions jeopardizing its solvency, the interests of creditors and depositors, the National Bank shall apply the following sanctions adequate to such violations.

- 1) impose penalty on managers of banks in the amount of one hundred of non-taxable minimum individual incomes;
- 2) impose penalties on banks in accordance with the provisions, adopted by the Board of the National Bank, but not exceeding 1 percent of registered statutory fund;
- 3) remove managers (chairman of the board and chief accountant) from management of the bank
- 4) to appoint temporary administration;
- 5) to suspend licenses for certain banking operations for the period up to one year;

In case when laws or other normative acts have been violated which resulted in substantial loss of assets or income and insolvency of the bank, or caused substantial damage to interests of their clients, or any accounts, other documents or assets have been concealed, the National Bank shall have right to revoke the license for all banking operations and take a decision to restructure or to liquidate a bank, to appoint a liquidator.

The NBU decision to appoint a temporary administrator or bank's liquidator are subject to mandatory fulfillment.

Article 63. Limitations of the National Bank's Demands

The National Bank shall not have right to demand from banks and credit institutions to perform the operations and to make other actions not specified by the Ukrainian law and normative acts of the Bank.

Section XI. Employees of the National Bank

Article 64. Status of the National Bank's Employees

The terms of employment, dismissal, labor remuneration, provision of leaves, official duties and rights, the system of disciplinary penalties, social protection of the National Bank's employees shall be defined by the Law of Ukraine "On the public service".

The National Bank's employees shall include the officials and support personnel. The officials shall be the persons directly participating in the performance of the Bank's functions and occupy the posts pursuant to the manning table.

The NBU Board shall identify a list of staff positions to be filled on a contract basis.

The Bank's officials shall be public servants and their activities shall be covered by the Law of Ukraine "On the public service" unless specified otherwise by this Law.

All issues of the public service in the National Bank and classification of posts shall be defined by the Bank's Board of Directors pursuant to the law.

The ranks of public servants in the Bank, which correspond to the posts of the first category, shall be assigned by the President of Ukraine. Other ranks are assigned by Chairman of the National Bank.

Support personnel of the Bank shall include the employees not directly engaged in performing the Bank's duties.

Salaries of the National Bank's officials shall be fixed by the Board of the National Bank in line with the Law "On the public service".

Wages of support personnel shall be fixed by the Bank's Board pursuant to the labor

laws. Article 65. Banned Activities

Pursuant to the list of positions approved by the Board of Directors, Chairman of the National Bank, his deputies, members of the Council and other officials of the Bank shall have no right to be members of the Supreme Council or the Government of Ukraine, to be engaged in entrepreneurship or to combine jobs, except for teaching, scientific and other kinds of creative work.

It shall be prohibited for the National Bank's officials to be members of the governing bodies or stockholders of other banks and credit establishments.

It shall be prohibited for the Bank's Chairman, his deputies, members of the Council and other Bank's officials to receive the credits from other credit institutions with the exception of the National Bank.

Article 66. Nondisclosure of Secrets

Employees of the National Bank shall not disclose the information which constitutes an official secret or which is of confidential nature, that is, the information which has become known to them in connection with performance of their official duties, even if they terminated their employment with the National Bank, except for the cases specified by the laws in force.

Section XII. Banking and Balance of Payments Statistics

Article 67. Definition of Reporting

In order to fulfill its regulatory and supervisory functions, the National Bank shall define the forms of reports and their drawing up procedure which shall be compulsory for all economic agents, including:

- (1) banks and credit institutions located within the territory of Ukraine (both residents and nonresidents) - for drawing up the monetary, credit and banking statistical reports;
- (2) all economic agents (both residents and nonresidents) - for drawing up the statistical reports on the balance of payments and currency control.

The information submitted by banks and other economic agents shall not be disclosed except for the cases set forth by the laws in force.

The requirements of this article shall not apply to consolidated statistical data, which is openly published by the National Bank.

Article 68. Publications

In order to ensure the transparency of banking activity and the data on balance of payments, the National Bank shall:

- (1) publish the annual and quarterly balances of the National Bank in the press media of the Supreme Council and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- (2) issue a monthly statistical bulletin and the magazine "Visnyk Natsional'noho Banku Ukraymy" ("Herald of the National Bank of Ukraine");
- (3) publish the current banking information in the official press media, information on the issues of monetary, credit and banking statistics, which is not state and banking secret;
- (4) provide the monetary, credit, banking and balance of payments statistics according to international agreements in force.

The content of information to be published in mass media shall be determined by the State Committee for Statistics in accordance with the laws in force.

Consolidated information on monetary, credit and banking activities shall belong to the National Bank which shall fix the terms of access to this information in accordance with the laws in force. Other bodies may use the official banking information for open publication only given the National Bank's permission or with reference to the source of official publication of such information.

Section XIII. Audit of the National Bank

Article 69. Internal Audit

The National Bank shall control the activities of its structural units and divisions by means of internal audit carried out by audit department of the National Bank directly subordinate to the Bank's Chairman.

Complex audits of economic and financial activities of structural units of the National Bank shall be conducted at least once a year.

Article 70. External audit

By November 1 of the accounting year, the Council of the National Bank shall decide on the audit of the Bank and appoint an auditing company with appropriate experience for checking the annual statement of the Bank and submitting the audit opinion. The National Bank shall, pursuant to the contract with the audit company, submit the reports and information essential for the audit.

The Accounting Chamber of the Supreme Council of Ukraine shall perform the financial audit of the National Bank in such fields as the movement of the state budget funds and implementation of the Bank's budget.

Section XIV. Special Provisions.

Article 71. Restrictions of Activity

The National Bank shall not:

- (1) be a shareholder or participant of other banks, enterprises and entities;
- (2) perform the transactions with real estate except for those essential for the activities of the Bank and its institution;
- (3) be engaged in trade, manufacturing, insurance and other activities that are not in line with the Bank's functions.

Restrictions stipulated by part 1 of this Article shall not apply to:

- (1) obtaining any rights and assets in order to cover Bank's debts provided these rights and assets are alienated in the shortest possible term;
- (2) the cases specified in Article 42 of this Law;
- (3) participation in the capital of other enterprises, institutions and entities essential for the Bank's activity.

Article 72. Tax Regime

The National Bank shall pay taxes in the line with the laws of Ukraine on

taxation. **Article 73. Preferential and Indubitable Right**

The National Bank enjoys a preferential and indubitable right to satisfy any matured claim executed in line with the Law, and based on the refinancing of a commercial bank.

A preferential and indubitable right shall be exercised, if this is envisaged by the agreement, and the National Bank shall exercise this right by way of indisputable writing off of debts from banking accounts and by way of selling other assets pledged to secure the NBU requirements to satisfy the claims at the expense of the net income from their sale.

Section XV. Final Provisions

1. This Law shall gain force since the date of publishing
2. The Council of the National Bank shall be formed within two months from the date this Law becomes effective. In the course of formation of the Council, its functions pertaining to the monetary and credit policy will be performed by the Board of Directors of the National Bank.
3. Resolution of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of Ukraine "On the National Bank of Ukraine's Charter"(1605-12) of 7 October 1991 shall be deemed invalid.

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