



## **The Declaration of Civil society Forum “New social contract”**

**We, representatives of different social groups and regions of united, independent and sovereign Ukraine, who gathered in Kiev on March 16, 2016,**

- appealing to the fundamental principle of democracy, enshrined in Article 5 of the Constitution of Ukraine, according to which "the nation is a single bearer of sovereignty and the only source of power in Ukraine";
- considering the fact that systemic internal contradictions and social populism of current Constitution of Ukraine render impossible effective implementation of the State's main constitutional duty – promoting and ensuring human rights and freedoms;
- noting that our country is found in the state of an unprecedented institutional, political and socio-economic crisis;
- realizing that this crisis is due to the fact of distrust of citizens to institutes of power, generated by a deficit of public participation in governance;
- calling attention to the inability of politicians to carry out constitutional reform in the interests of Ukrainian society;
- believing that social consolidation can occur only by involving the maximum number of citizens of Ukraine to the formation of a new social contract, which will be recorded in the new Constitution of Ukraine;
- convinced that civil society, which enjoys the confidence of the people of Ukraine, have the moral right and true purpose to initiate and moderate constitutional process;

### **Stand for:**

- development and adoption of the new Constitution of Ukraine by a special body of the constituent power of citizens – the Constitutional Assembly of Ukraine – with the further approval on the national referendum;
- conducting nationwide public campaign in support of the draft law № 3781 "On the procedure of drafting the new Constitution of Ukraine", prepared by the Coalition of Civil Society "National Constitution";
- beginning of a broad and open discussion about the contents of the new social contract and joint elaboration of the key principles that will determine the future of Ukrainian society and the State.

**We urge the Parliament to adopt the draft law № 3781 as soon as possible, and the President of Ukraine to sign it and thereby provide the public's right to determine and change the constitutional order in Ukraine.**

**We strongly believe that a new social contract, formalized in the new Constitution of Ukraine, which will be designed and approved by a special body of constituent power, will build reliable**

**foundation of modern Ukrainian State and will become a guarantee of stable development and prosperity of Ukraine in the future.**

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