



## **Memorandum on joining the Coalition of civil society "National Constitution"**

We, representatives of civil society,

- noting the unprecedented crisis, which turned out to Ukraine on the 25th year of its independence;
- that this crisis is due to the fact of distrust of citizens,;
- realizing that the basis of this crisis is chronic distrust of citizens to institutes of power, generated by a deficit of public participation in governance;
- considering that the current Constitution in fact depleted its potential as a social contract of transitional period;
- 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";
- believing that social consolidation will take place in an inclusive and transparent process of preparing a new social contract, which will be formalized in the new Constitution of Ukraine;
- noting that the political class in Ukraine proved unable to put and solve strategic tasks of such level;
- 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;

agreed to combine our efforts to launch the constitutional process by creation of coalition of civil society with an aim to prepare the draft law, which should define the procedure of forming and status of the body of constituent power, authorized to draft the new Constitution of Ukraine, as well as promote the adoption of the draft law in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The coalition is formed on a voluntary basis, self-government, transparency, openness, public and political impartiality.

Associations, universities and research institutions, scientists and experts in the field of constitutionalism with appropriate professional reputation, adhere to standards of political impartiality and share provisions of this Memorandum, may be the members of the coalition.

The coalition remains open for accession by new members after the founding.

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