

EXCERPT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF UKRAINE

Article 55. Human and citizen rights and freedoms shall be protected by court.

Everyone shall be guaranteed the right to challenge in court the decisions, actions, or inactivity of State power, local self-government bodies, officials and officers.

Everyone shall have the right to appeal for the protection of his rights to the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman).

After exhausting all domestic legal instruments, everyone shall have the right to appeal for the protection of his rights and freedoms to the relevant international judicial institutions or to the relevant bodies of international organizations of which Ukraine is a member or participant.

Everyone shall have the right to protect his rights and freedoms from violations and illegal encroachments by any means other than prohibited by law.

Article 85. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine) shall have the following powers:

17) to appoint and remove from the office the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights; and to hear the Commissioner's annual reports on the state of affairs in the sphere of observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine;

Article 101. Parliamentary control over observance and protection of human and citizen's constitutional rights and freedoms shall be conducted by the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights.

Article 150. The Constitutional Court of Ukraine shall have the following powers:

1) resolve issues of compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine (constitutionality) of:

laws and other legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

acts of the President of Ukraine;

acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Such issues shall be considered upon request from: the President of Ukraine; no less than forty five people's deputies of Ukraine; the Supreme Court of Ukraine; the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights; or the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea;

2) the official interpretation of the Constitution of Ukraine and laws of Ukraine;

On matters stipulated by this Article, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine shall adopt decisions mandatory for execution throughout the territory of Ukraine, and such decisions shall be final and shall not be appealed.