

Approved  
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Association "Equal Rights" in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

**Rules  
of the Inter-Factional Parliamentary  
Association "Equal Rights" in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**

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These rules define the purpose, major objectives and principles, organizational structure, relationships, rights and obligations of members, the order of entry and exit of inter-factional deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "Equal Rights" (hereafter – the Association)

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1. The purpose of the Association

A priority task for Ukraine is to ensure the strengthening of the principles of equal rights in society, including those that are gender-based, promoting the revival of spiritual and family values and the formation of ideology aimed at healthy living and spiritual growth.

Moreover, equal rights between women and men in all spheres of society and the state is essential for the establishment of democracy, of human rights, the key to solving social and economic problems of the state, European integration of Ukraine and part of the international commitments of the main international treaties on human rights and the "Millennium Declaration of the United Nations."

1.1. Inter-factional deputies of "Equal Rights" (hereinafter - the Association) is a voluntary association of people's deputies of Ukraine, representing different factions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, formed to promote gender education, achieving gender equality and the revival of spiritual and family values in Ukraine, enhance social dialogue on gender equality and spiritual renewal, promote child protection and so on.

1.2. Union is guided by the Constitution of Ukraine and laws of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Regulation, Regulation of inter-factional deputies of "Equal Rights" and the decisions of the Association adopted pursuant to this Regulation.

Article 2. Goals, objectives and principles of the Union

2.1. The purpose of the Association is:

- Promotion of gender equality;
- Protection of children's rights;
- Promoting a world population of Ukraine, aimed at maintaining a healthy lifestyle, the principles of equality and non-discrimination;
- Promoting the revival in Ukraine spiritual and family values;
- Implementation of the principles in the society of responsible fatherhood and motherhood;

- Facilitate adaptation of Ukraine concerning establishment of gender equality to the European Union;
- Borrowing the best international examples of gender equality;
- Intensification of dialogue with NGOs and civil society organizations working in the field of gender mainstreaming and spiritual revival of Ukraine.

2.2. To achieve the above mentioned objective Association:

- Contributes to the development and submission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of bills aimed at achieving the legislative goal of the Association, including the legislation of Ukraine in the field of gender equality in line with EU legislation;
- Support for the Parliament of the above laws, including, initiated by the other subjects of legislative initiative;
- Promotes the implementation of the Concept of State Programme on equal rights and opportunities for women and men for the period up to 2016 and further implementation of this program after its approval;
- Monitors the processes associated with the implementation of national gender policy in all spheres of public life;
- Analyzes the implementation of regulations aimed at implementing the policy of non-discrimination, the rights of women and children, improving the health of the nation and its spiritual revival;
- Contributes to the citizens of Ukraine on national policy issues of the purpose of the Association.

2.3. Association determines the basic principles of its activities and direction of acting on the principles of self-government.

2.4. Association in its activities:

- Adopt and implement their decisions based on the Constitution of Ukraine and laws of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Regulation and other regulations, these regulations;
- Be open to accession by all MPs who support the purpose of the Association and shall comply with this Regulation.

2.5. The fundamental principles of the Union is democratic discussion and decision making on all matters that are the subject of his work, combined with the personal responsibility of each member of the association for their implementation.

## II. MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

Article 3. Joining the Association and its members out of

3.1. Members of the association can be deputies of Ukraine who share the goal of the Association, shall comply with this Regulation and carry out the decisions taken by the Association.

3.2. Decision MPs of the Union and exiting the Association is based on personal application deputies of Ukraine.

3.3. If systematic opt members of the association in the Association at a meeting of the Association may be decided on its exclusion from the association.

Article 4. The rights and duties of the Association

#### 4.1. Rights of members of the Association:

4.1.1. Member of the Union has the right to make proposals for activities of the Association and other matters related to the activities of the Association, to speak at meetings of the Association, to receive information and analytical information on the policy of equal opportunities and rights for women and other information related to the activities of the Association.

4.1.2. Member of the Association on behalf of the Union shall have the right to act on behalf of the Association and represent the Association in public bodies, institutions, enterprises and organizations, including international, in the media, forums, conferences and sign documents on behalf of the Association.

#### 4.2. Duties of members of the association:

##### 4.2.1. Member of the Association shall:

- Comply with this Regulation and Union decisions taken at its meetings;
- To participate in the meetings and work of the Union.

4.3. Union members contribute to the maintenance bills aimed at achieving the goal of legal associations, factions and committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, to which they belong.

### III. ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 5. Forms of Association

##### 5.1. The main forms of association are:

- Meeting of the Association;
- Members of the Union speech during the plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and international conferences and forums;
- Speeches and statements by members of the Association in the media;
- Other.

#### Article 6. Meeting of the Association

6.1. The main form of association is its meeting held openly and publicly. If necessary, the Association may be taken to have a closed session.

6.2. The meeting was convened by the Association of Chairmen of the Association and is a competent if attended by at least half of the total number of members of the Association and at least one of the co-chairs of the Association.

6.3. Decisions taken at the meeting of the Association by a majority of those present.

6.4. Preside at meetings of the Association alternately Co-Union.

6.5. Meeting of the Association held regularly in accordance with the schedule drawn up by the secretariat, but not less than once every six weeks.

6.6. Organization of the meeting by the Secretariat Association Association which operates on a voluntary basis.

6.7. Members of the Secretariat shall be appointed at the first meeting of the association.

##### Secretariat of the Association:

- Inform the members of the association to hold meetings of the association;

- Sent by members of the Association draft agenda of the meeting, together with draft decisions that are intended to make the meeting and the necessary information and analytical materials;
- The results of the meeting sent to members Combining the decisions taken at the meeting;
- Association provides members with information and analytical materials for their needs.

#### Article 7. Co-Merge

7.1. Union Co-elected at the first meeting of the Association by a majority of those present and must be members of different factions. Number of co-chairs determined at the first organizational meeting of the Association.

#### 7.2. Co-Merge

- Provide long-term planning of the Association;
- The preparation and consideration of the meetings of the Association are responsible for their consideration, review the implementation of decisions.
- Convene and conduct meetings of the association;
- Representing the Union in bodies of state power, bodies of local self-government and international organizations;
- Authorized to sign on behalf of the Association;
- Inform the public about the activities of the Association, decisions, etc..

7.3. Re-election of co-chairs / Co-Merge is a requirement for more than half of the membership of the Association or in the case of voluntary compilation Co-Chair of its powers.

#### Article 8. Association of Public Council

8.1. In order to promote the association and enhance public dialogue on the topic of equal opportunities, promoting the revival of spiritual and family values formed by combining community council.

8.2. Public Board composed of highly authorized members of the public who have expressed their consent to give public support to the Association and help get information about the activities of the Association to the citizens of Ukraine.

8.3. Association of Public Council approves the composition and makes provisions for its operation.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This Regulation shall enter into force, if it is adopted by the vote of not less than 2/3 of the total membership of the Association.

2. Amendments to these Regulations, the decision on reorganization or liquidation of the association adopted at a meeting of the Association not less than 2/3 of the members of the Union.