



# **THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE**

## **ENACTMENT**

**dated 14 February 2007 № 201**

### **on Approval of the Regulations of the State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Religions**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine hereby **ENACTS** to:

1. Approve the Regulations of the State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Religions as attached.
2. Invalidate the Enactment of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on Approval of the Regulations of the State Department for Religions, No. 770 of 18 August 2005 (Ofitsiyny Visnyk Ukrainy, 2005, No. 34, p. 2047).
3. The State Committee for Nationalities and Religions shall submit, within one-month term, its proposals to bring acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine into conformity with this Enactment.
4. This enactment shall take effect on 1 March 2007.

**Prime Minister of Ukraine**

**V. YANUKOVYCH**

APPROVED  
by the Enactment of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine  
dated 14 February 2007 № 201

## **REGULATIONS**

### **of the State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Religions**

1. The State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Religions (hereinafter referred to as the SCUNR) shall be a central executive authority activities of which shall be directed and coordinated by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine via a Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.

2. In its activities SCUNR shall be governed by the Constitution ( 254k/96-VR ) and laws of Ukraine as well as by decrees of the President of Ukraine and enactments of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine issued pursuant to the Constitution ( 254k/96-VR ) and laws of Ukraine, by acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and by these Regulations.

3. Main tasks of SCUNR shall be:

taking part in formulation of and securing implementation of the state policy in the field of inter-nationality relations, migration, of securing the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, as well as in the field of religions, church, and other religious organizations;

managing an indicated sphere, inter-agency co-ordination and functional regulation of the matters belonging to its competence;

coordinating preparation and implementation by executive authorities of measures to secure the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees as well as, within its competence, the rights of other migrant categories;

participating in ensuring the development of connections with foreign Ukrainian and their civil organizations, including national-cultural autonomies, communities, associations of people coming from the same area, coordination of measures in this sphere belonging to its competence;

generalization of practice of implementation of the legislation concerning the matters belonging to its competence; drafting proposals concerning improvement of the legislation and submitting them, according to the established procedure, to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for consideration;

ensuring implementation of the legislation concerning the matters belonging to its competence;

creating conditions for unhindered development of the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine;

promoting satisfaction of national-and-cultural and educational needs and development of ethnic originality of national minorities of Ukraine;

organizing reception, arrangement and adaptation of persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine;

promoting strengthening of mutual understanding between religious organizations of different confessions and solution, according to laws, of debatable issues arising in relations between such organizations;

assisting in settlement of issues connected with return of cult buildings and other cult properties to religious organizations.

4. SCUNR, in accordance with the tasks assigned thereto, shall:

1) prepare proposals concerning formulation and implementation of state policy in the field of inter-nationality relations, migration, ethno-language policy, securing the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, as well as in the field of religion, church, and religious organizations;

2) take part in drafting of the State Budget of Ukraine, the State Program of Economic and Social Development of Ukraine, the Program of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, other state programs, and ensure implementation thereof within its competence;

3) examine and analyze the migration situation in Ukraine, problems of refugees, persons deported on the national ground who returned to Ukraine and other migrant categories, trends of ethno-language and cultural development of national minorities of Ukraine, ethno-language and religious processes in the state; develop current and long-term forecasts on indicated matters;

4) secure interaction between executive authorities in taking measures to ensure the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories;

5) promote realization, according to laws, of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees, and other migrant categories;

6) take part within its competence in realizations of measures aimed at combating illegal migration;

7) ensure taking measures to implement the European Charter of Regional Languages and Languages of the Minorities as far as meeting ethno-language needs of the national minorities of Ukraine is concerned;

8) promote activities of national minorities' civil organizations in Ukraine; promote conducting of charitable actions and implementation of programs aimed to develop ethnic originality of national minorities of Ukraine and of persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine;

9) obtain, according to the statutory procedure, funds from international and nongovernmental organizations and foreign countries' institutions to conduct charitable actions and implement programs aimed to secure the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories

10) provide organizational, methodological and consultative assistance to executive authorities and local governments in settlement of issues belonging to its competence;

11) take measures to prevent any manifestation of stirring up of inter-ethnic, race and inter-confessional enmity;

12) submit, according to the established procedure, proposals to bring Ukrainian legislation into conformity with international norms and standards on matters belonging to its competence;

13) coordinate activities of executive authorities on the matters related to formation and regulation of relations between the state, church, and religious organizations;

14) register, according to legislation, statutes (regulations) of religious centers, boards, monasteries, congregations, missionary societies (missions), and clerical (religious) educational institutions;

15) secure religion-studies examination of statutes of religious organizations with the assistance of representatives of religious organizations, scientific institutions, religion studies scientists, and experts of other branches;

16) maintain records (a register) of religious organizations active in Ukraine and of cult buildings and structures belonging to religious organizations and/or used thereby, as well as former cult buildings and structures used not for their intended purpose;

17) promote:

settlement of issues connected with transfer of cult buildings and other cult-purpose properties to religious organizations for use or with return of such buildings or properties into their ownership;

establishment of business contacts between religious organizations of Ukraine and international religious centers as well as international religious organizations;

organization of pilgrimage of believers of Ukraine out of its borders;

upon the request of religious organizations, reaching agreements between them and executive authorities and local governments;

18) explain, including with the help of media, the substance of state policy on migration, inter-nationality relations, ethno-language policy, securing of the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, as well as concerning religion, church and religious organizations, and application of Ukrainian legislation on these matters;

19) cooperate, within its competence, with state institutions, with foreign countries' public, cultural and national centers, and with international organizations;

20) organize scientific research on inter-nationality relations, on securing of the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, on exercise of the right of world outlook and religion, and on activities of church and religious organizations;

21) interact with domestic and foreign research institutions and educational establishments in order to exchange experience in scientific research on the formulation and implementation of state policy concerning migration, inter-nationality relations, ethno-language policy, securing the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, as well as concerning religion, church and religious organizations;

22) participate in drafting of international agreements of Ukraine on the matters belonging to its competence, and ensure complying with and meeting obligations specified in international agreements of Ukraine;

23) submit, according to the established procedure, proposals on discontinuation or cancellation of acts issued by central executive authorities or local state administrations, or of decisions made by local governments or by officials of enterprises, institutions, organizations of any ownership form, which contradict Ukrainian legislation on such matters as: migration, inter-nationality relations, securing the rights of national minorities of Ukraine, persons deported on the nationality ground who returned to Ukraine, refugees and other migrant categories, freedom of conscience, and religious organizations;

24) organize and take part in congresses, forums, conferences, seminars, meetings or other events, carry out information and publishing activities on the matters belonging to its competence;

25) consider, according to the established procedure, addresses from natural and legal persons on the matters belonging to its competence, in particular complaints on decisions of migration service bodies in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol cities;

26) organize, according to the established procedure, vocational training, retraining and advanced training of employees of the SCUNR central office, appropriate bodies of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, structural units of

oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol city state administrations, and migration service bodies;

27) exercise, according to legislation, functions of management of state property entities belonging to its administration scope as well as supervision over efficient usage thereof;

28) allocate, according to legislation, funds and material resources, and control using them; approve, according to legislation, cost estimates for the activities required to perform its tasks, and capital construction plans; perform, according to legislation, functions of a customer in procurement of goods (works, services) for state needs;

29) implement, within its competence, the state policy in the field of protection of state secrets and confidential information owned by the state;

30) ensure, within its powers, performance of tasks related to the state's preparedness activity and mobilization readiness;

31) perform other functions according to the tasks assigned thereto.

5. SCUNR shall have the right to:

represent the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, on behalf thereof, in international organizations and during conclusion of international agreements of Ukraine;

engage, according to the established procedure, specialists of central and local executive authorities, enterprises, institutions, and organizations to consider matters belonging to its competence;

establish, if necessary and by agreement with other executive authorities concerned, commissions, expert and advisory councils, working groups;

obtain from executive authorities and local governments, according to the statutory procedure, documents and materials required to perform the tasks assigned to it;

apply to court to terminate activity of religious organizations in cases provided for in legislation;

convoke, according to the established procedure, meetings on matters belonging to its competence.

6. SCUNR shall exercise its powers directly and through its subordinated migration service bodies as well as through relevant bodies of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and structural units of oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol city state administrations;

During performance of the tasks assigned thereto, SCUNR shall interact with other central and local executive authorities, authorities of the Autonomous

Republic of Crimea, local governments, citizens' associations, and corresponding bodies of foreign countries.

7. Within its powers, based on and pursuant to legislative acts, SCUNR shall organize and control implementation thereof.

In cases foreseen by the legislation, resolutions passed by SCUNR within its powers shall be binding on central and local executive authorities, local governments, enterprises, institutions and organizations of any ownership form, and citizens.

If necessary, SCUNR may issue joint regulatory acts together with other central and local executive authorities.

Regulatory legal acts issued by SCUNR shall be subject to registration according to the statutory procedure.

8. SCUNR shall be managed by the Head that shall be appointed and dismissed by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the nomination from the Prime Minister of Ukraine.

The Head shall have deputies that shall be appointed and dismissed by the Cabinet of Minister of Ukraine according to the established procedure.

Responsibilities between the deputies shall be allocated by the Head by agreement with a Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.

9. The SCUNR Head shall:

1) exercise management of SCUNR, be personally liable to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for performance of tasks assigned to SCUNR, and define the level of liability of his/her deputies and structural unit managers;

2) submit, according to the established procedure, draft laws of Ukraine, draft acts of the President of Ukraine, and draft acts of the Cabinet of Ministers, of which SCUNR is the assigned developer, to the Cabinet of Ministers for consideration;

3) approve draft laws of Ukraine, draft acts of the President of Ukraine, and draft acts of the Cabinet of Ministers on the matters belonging to the SCUNR competence;

4) represent SCUNR in relations with other bodies, institutions, organizations in Ukraine and abroad;

5) make decisions concerning allocation of the budget funds of which SCUNR is the main administrator;

6) make decisions on the establishment, reorganization or liquidation, by agreement with a Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, of territorial SCUNR bodies as well as of enterprises, institutions or organizations belonging to the SCUNR administration scope;

7) appoint and dismiss employees of the central SCUNR office, in particular, by agreement with a Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, heads of independent structural units by agreement;

8) raise, according to the established procedure, the question on holding SCUNR deputy heads disciplinarily liable;

9) consider, according to the established procedure, the questions on assigning appropriate civil servant ranks to SCUNR employees, encouraging them, and holding them disciplinarily liable;

10) personally receive citizens on the matters belonging to SCUNR competence;

11) sign SCUNR orders;

12) exercise other powers according to legislation.

10. To provide concerted solution to the matters belonging to SCUNR competence and to discuss most important directions of SCUNR activities, a SCUNR board may be established consisting of the Head (board chairperson), Deputy Heads ex officio, and other SCUNR top executives.

If necessary, the SCUNR board may include other persons according to the established procedure.

Board members shall be approved by the Head.

The organizational form of the board's work shall consist of its meetings. Periodicity of board meetings shall be defined by the Head.

Board resolutions shall be implemented by SCUNR orders.

11. To conduct religion-studies examination, a council of experts shall be established in SCUNR involving representatives of scientific institutions, religion studies scientists, and experts of other branches.

Membership and regulations of the council of experts shall be approved by the Head.

A scientific (scientific advisory) council as well as other advisory and consultative bodies may be established in SCUNR. Membership and regulations of such bodies shall be approved by the Head.



12. SCUNR staff limits shall be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Structure of the central SCUNR office shall be approved by the Head by agreement with a Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.

SCUNR staff list and budget shall be approved by the Head by agreement with the Ministry of Finance.

Regulations of structural units of the central SCUNR office shall be approved by the Head.

13. SCUNR shall be a legal person having its own balance sheet, accounts with State Treasury bodies, and a seal with the State Emblem of Ukraine and the SCUNR name.

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