

To the Arbitrators of the ICAC and the UMAC
at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine

Dear friends!

I am addressing you at these difficult times, when Ukraine is repelling a military attack of the Russian Federation, the hostilities are taking place on our territory, civilian infrastructure is being destroyed, civilians are being killed, the number of refugees fleeing the zone of fierce fighting is reaching millions, and the martial law has been declared.

I am deeply touched and grateful to all of you who have expressed condemnation of the military aggression of the Russian Federation and expressed support for the fair struggle of the Ukrainian people for independence and sovereignty of Ukraine, for the right to choose our route on our own. I am sure that with the emotional and financial support of the whole civilized, democratic world we will survive and win. It will be a victory of justice, rule of law, democratic and civilized development of our people.

I would also like to thank the arbitrators who made suggestions as to the organization of the ICAC and the UMAC work under the current conditions, which are now being analyzed.

We are trying to resume the work of our institutions in relation to all aspects of consideration of cases given the current limitations of the Secretariats of the ICAC and the UMAC. The full and efficient renewal of the ICAC and the UMAC operations, will not be possible without your active participation. The arbitrator is the core figure of the arbitration process, and it is he or she who solely or collectively decides the dispute. In the current circumstances, your help and, more precisely, your active role in organizing arbitration proceedings in which you have been appointed as an arbitrator or a chairman of the arbitral tribunal is required. This is especially relevant to cases in which arbitration tribunals have been set up and the cases were scheduled for the hearing. I would like to address sole arbitrators and presiding arbitrators with the following request: please, contact (with the participation of the speaker) the parties or their representatives and other arbitrators in order to assess the possibility to continue the consideration of the case, to determine the date of the oral hearing online including outside the ICAC premises or the case consideration based on written materials. Please, inform the Secretariats of the ICAC and the UMAC about the outcomes of such negotiations for legal registration of the new date of the case hearings. There may be other actions that need to be taken to resume the arbitration process. There are cases, in which the oral hearings are completed, and the arbitration tribunal has proceeded to reaching arbitral awards. I kindly ask arbitrators in such cases not to delay issuing arbitration awards. The employees of the Secretariats who are in Kyiv will provide all possible assistance.

Thank you for your understanding. I am sure that with joint efforts we will resume the work of the ICAC and the UMAC and we will soon be working as usual, because the Ukrainian people, supported by God, justice and the whole civilized world, will win!

Yours sincerely,

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