

# **GUIDELINES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN MEDIA ON VISITING THE HIGH ANTI-CORRUPTION COURT**

The High Anti-Corruption Court (hereinafter – the HACC or the Court) welcomes the interest of foreign media in covering its activities and ensures openness and transparency of judicial proceedings in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

At the same time, visits by foreign nationals to the Court are subject to compliance with Ukrainian legislation governing the protection of state secrets, security clearance procedures, and security measures applicable to public institutions.

## **1. ARRANGING A VISIT**

To arrange a visit, representatives of foreign media are requested to submit an official request to the HACC no later than three (3) working days prior to the planned visit, indicating:

- the name of the media outlet;
- the purpose of the visit;
- the preferred date and time of the visit;
- a list of media representatives, including their full names, citizenship, and positions;
- a list of photographic, video, and audio equipment intended for use during the visit.

To conduct photography, filming, video recording, audio recording using fixed equipment, as well as radio or television broadcasting of a court hearing, media representatives must submit a motion to the presiding judge in the relevant case (Annex 1,2).

## **2. REASONS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL OF VISITS**

The requirement for prior approval is due to the need to comply with Ukrainian legislation governing security clearance procedures and the activities of the Court's Restricted Information and Security Unit.

The HACC includes a Restricted Information and Security Unit responsible for safeguarding state secrets and implementing security measures during visits by foreign delegations, groups, and individual foreign nationals.

These procedures are established by the legislation of Ukraine on the protection of state secrets and security clearance requirements.

## **3. ACCESS TO COURT PREMISES**

Representatives of foreign media are permitted access only to those premises and areas designated by the Court for visitors.

Access to restricted-access offices, secure facilities, and premises where classified information is processed or stored is strictly prohibited.

Movement within the Court premises shall be carried out only when accompanied by authorized Court personnel.

#### **4. PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO RECORDING, AND AUDIO RECORDING**

Photography, video recording, and audio recording are permitted only in designated areas and with prior authorization from the Court.

It is strictly prohibited to record:

- security and surveillance systems;
- restricted-access facilities;
- documents containing restricted or classified information;
- any other objects identified by authorized Court personnel as prohibited from recording.

#### **5. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

While visiting the Court, representatives of foreign media must carry:

- a valid passport or other identity document;
- a press card or media accreditation document (if available).

#### **6. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT**

While on Court premises, media representatives are required to:

- comply with instructions issued by the Judicial Security Service and authorized Court personnel;
- observe the established access control procedures;
- refrain from interfering with the work of judges and Court staff;
- comply with the rules of conduct applicable to court hearings and other Court premises (Annex 3).

The HACC highly values cooperation with foreign media and appreciates their understanding of the necessity of complying with established security procedures aimed at ensuring the proper functioning of the Court under martial law and in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

#### **7. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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