The Mission of Ukraine to the European Union presents its compliments to the European Anti-Fraud Office and has the honor to transmit herewith the original letter of the Chairman of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine Mr. Sergii Koziakov to the Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office Mr. Ville Itälä regarding the appointment of Members of Public Council of International Experts, which will assist the High Qualification Commission of Judges in the preparation of decisions regarding appointment of judges to the High Anticorruption Court.

The Mission of Ukraine to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Anti-Fraud Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure: 2 pages.

Brussels, 22 November 2018
Dear Mr. Itälä,

The High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine presents its compliments to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and would like to inform the following.

On 19th of September, 2018, the HQCJU received proposals on 12 candidates nominated for appointment to the Public Council of International Experts composition due from the Council of Europe, European Union, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) with which Ukraine cooperates in the area of corruption prevention and counteraction in accordance with Ukraine’s international treaties.

The Commission carefully studied the presented information in candidates’ biographies, including professional skills, achievements and experience of every candidate.

Furthermore, during October–November 2018 the Commission has conducted Skype-meetings with all candidates to the PCIE member’s composition, namely, on 18th of October such meetings have been arranged with [Redacted] and [Redacted].

On 19th of October, mentioned meetings have been held with [Redacted] and on 23rd of October with [Redacted].

The Skype-meeting with the last of 12 candidates was conducted on 5th of November 2018 due to personal circumstances of this candidate. The very next day, on 6th of November 2018, the Commission adopted the decision on the appointment of 6 PCIE members.
Having precisely learned information on candidates the Commission found that all 12 candidates are high-class professionals, have exceptional professional achievements in fighting against corruption, as well as the highest respect not only in their countries, but also internationally.

At the same time, under the results of the secret preferential voting, the majority of votes have been received by the following candidates: [redacted] and [redacted].

During the selection of the PCIE members, the Commission was guided by criteria, specified in the Law of Ukraine “On the High Anti-Corruption Court”, as well as by the information on candidates which was covered in their biographies and during the Skype-meetings.

Please be also kindly advised that the Commission by its official letters will send to the candidates notifications about voting results in due course.

The High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine would like to thank to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for dedicated time and participation in the PCIE formation and expresses willingness for further cooperation in all queries related to the powers of the Commission in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Sergii Koziakov
Chairman of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine