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List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration
of the second periodic report of Ukraine concerning rights
covered by articles 13 to 15 of the International Covenant
on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1990/7/Add.11)

1. Paragraph 2 of the supplement to the second periodic report (E/1990/7/Add.11) indicated the main ethnic and demographic characteristics, together with socio-economic, cultural and other indicators, for Ukraine. Give a short description of the changes to these indicators that have occurred since the submission of the Ukrainian report of 29 January 1991.
2. Give a brief description of the changes in the legislative, executive and judicial spheres that have taken place in Ukraine since January 1991.

General legal framework within which human rights are protected

3. What legal remedies are available to Ukrainian citizens for the protection of the rights stipulated in the Covenant? What is the position in this regard of aliens and stateless persons?
4. Are there any provisions in Ukrainian legislation that allow State bodies to set aside the rights stipulated in the Covenant? If so, in what circumstances does this possibility exist for State bodies and in what laws is it provided for? Give a description of these laws from the viewpoint of their conformity with the Constitution of the country.

5. Can it be stated that the provisions of the Covenant have been given expression in the national legislation? Under the legal system of Ukraine, can the provisions of the Covenant be directly applied by the courts?

6. What measures are applied in Ukraine to inform the public about international standards in the human rights field? In what languages is such information provided?

7. Give a brief description of the guarantees against human rights abuses and the measures to protect the rights of victims of abuses provided for in Ukrainian legislation. Can it be stated that the legislation of the country completely precludes discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property status or other such circumstances?

Article 13 of the Covenant

8. What changes have occurred in the legislation in Ukraine since January 1991 in regard to ensuring everybody's right to education?

9. What is the situation regarding teachers' pay and how do the salaries of workers in schools and institutes of higher education compare with those of State employees, skilled workers, etc.? What obstacles are there to further improvement of the material conditions of teaching personnel? How large are student grants?

10. Are there any private schools in Ukraine and does the national legislation give parents or legal guardians the right to choose schools for their children? What difficulties do individuals face in making effective their right under the Covenant (art. 13, para. 4) to establish and direct schools?

11. What guarantees does the legislation of multinational Ukraine provide that children can have schooling in their native languages? How many national non-Ukrainian schools are there in the country?

12. Do the various denominations have equal opportunities with regard to religious education of children? Do parents have difficulty in providing for their children's religious education?

13. What action is taken in schools and institutes of higher education in Ukraine to develop among pupils and students ideals of mutual understanding, tolerance and friendship between national, ethnic and religious groups?

14. Describe, by reference to Ukrainian legislation, what rights teachers have to participate in the formulation of educational plans and programmes, the preparation of textbooks, the choice of teaching materials, etc.

15. Indicate what progress has been made in the democratization of the educational system.

Article 14 of the Covenant

16. Is the principle of compulsory, free general education observed in Ukraine and what difficulties are there in attaining this goal?

Article 15 of the Covenant

17. Give particulars of new legislative and other measures, especially dating from after January 1991, designed to give effect to the rights set forth in article 15 of the Covenant. Are there any new measures to ensure progress in this regard?

18. Has any legislation been adopted in Ukraine during the period under review to guarantee the freedom of artistic creation, including freedom to disseminate information on the results of such activities?

19. Give particulars of legislation guaranteeing the freedom of exchange of scientific, technical and cultural information, including international exchange.

20. Give information about legislative measures to safeguard the cultural specificity of national minorities living in Ukraine.

21. What measures are taken to improve the material situation of cultural and scientific workers?

22. Provide information on budgetary allocations for science and culture. Are there any alternative sources of financing for science and culture?
