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Dear colleagues,

I hereby express my respect and appreciation to the Open Government Partnership.

The Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Freedom of Speech is actively working to ensure the openness of the Parliament. Under my leadership, Committee has achieved significant success, especially in 2024:

- Successfully initiated and held 13 committee meetings and considered more than 30 important media-related issues; developed and implemented two essential laws in the media sphere, in particular, to strengthen guarantees for media activities and journalists' rights;

- Establishment of the Public Council on Media Freedom and partnership with international organizations such as Reporters Without Borders, UNESCO and NATO, which helped to establish transparency in the Committee's work;
- My commitment to media reform and openness of the parliament is confirmed by the recent adoption of draft law No. 11321 (<https://itd.rada.gov.ua/billinfo/Bills/Card/44362>), which increases the transparency of the work of parliamentary committees and expands public access to information.

Ukraine has been a member of the Open Government Partnership since 2011 and has achieved a track record of open government, which is why the Parliament is taking this initiative. As the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Freedom of Speech, I am committed to initiating the creation of the action plan to ensure that the Parliament works according to international standards.

I would like to inform the Co-Chair and Secretary of the OGP Coordination Council in Ukraine that the initiative group, coordinated by the NGO «CHESNO Movement» is starting to develop an action plan. The plan will be created with the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders by the standards of the Open Government Partnership.

Best regards,

**Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
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