

President majority of the Party of Regions and Communist Party blocked it. **Having no** prospects to succeed with the issue in the Parliament, the United Opposition addressed to the international community not to recognize Mrs.Lutkovska as Ombudsman. Right after the Revolution of Dignity in March 2014 the members of the Parliament registered another resolution to restore the law in the issue of appointment of the Ombudsman in 2012 but again failed due to resistance of then still powerful majority of the Party of Regions and Communist Party. Then there has been war in the East of Ukraine and nobody had time to take care of the illegal Ombudsman.

Another chance to restore legitimacy of the Ombudsman institution appeared after Parliamentary elections in October 2014.

After Mrs. Lutkovska failed to comply with the requirements to submit the annual report on human rights on time as required by the law on the Ombudsman of Ukraine (during the first quarter of the year) the member of the Parliament Mr. Oleh Lyashko, who participated actively in all the attempts of the Parliament since 2012, registered his draft resolution on annulment of the resolution on appointment of Mrs. Lutkovska as the Ombudsman. The arguments of Mrs. Valeria Lutkovska about the “revenge” of the Government for her “critical” report are used only to mislead the international community and have no grounds. The initiator of the annulment resolution Mr. Lyashko has been much more effective in his constant criticism against the Government than the Ombudsman office. Moreover, being abroad to tell her misleading argument to the international officials Mrs.Lutkovska has postponed presentation of her annual report twice already! And this is to speak about the moral side of the issue.

I would also like to draw your attention, **dear Mr Commissioner**, that the Maidan civil society organizations were outraged by the omissions of Mrs. Lutkovska during the Revolution of Dignity and demand from the Chairman of the Ukrainian Parliament her resignation.

Please accept my apologies if I have allowed myself too much of straightforwardness, but I am really concerned by the abovementioned.

As far as I understand, you are going to visit Ukraine at the end of this month. I would be much privileged to have a meeting with you to discuss the abovementioned and provide you with additional information.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to assure you, **dear Mr. Commissioner**, of my high respect.

Looking forward to your response.

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