



**ADVISORY GROUP  
OF EXPERTS**

**MINUTES No. 22  
of the session of the Advisory Group of Experts**

*The session has been held in remote mode using electronic  
video-conferencing*

***January 12, 2026***

*Start of session: 5:08 p.m.*

*End of session: 5:18 p.m.*

**Those present at the session of the members of the Advisory Group of Experts:**

*Oksana Vasylchenko, Aleš Zalar, Vasyl Shakun, Maureen O'Connor, Yaroslav Romaniuk,  
Hanna Suchocka.*

**Deputy members of the Advisory Group of Experts present at the session:**

*Marek Zubik, Volodymyr Kyzmenko, Vitaly Makhinchuk.*

**Suggested agenda:**

**1. On consideration of the applications for self-recusal of members of the Advisory Group of Experts from evaluating the candidates for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

**Voted:**

- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O'Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 6 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes.

**Decided:** the suggested agenda is approved.

**Consideration of agenda items:**



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### **1.1. On consideration of the application for self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Roman Sabodash as a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

#### **Heard:**

Maureen O'Connor, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Oksana Vasylichenko had applied for self-recusal from the evaluation of Roman Sabodash, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Maureen O'Connor proposed voting for the approval of the application for the self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Roman Sabodash, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

#### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O'Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** approve the self-recusal application of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the evaluation of Roman Sabodash, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **1.2. On consideration of the application for self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Zakhar Tropin as a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

#### **Heard:**

Maureen O'Connor, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Oksana Vasylichenko had applied for self-recusal from the evaluation of Zakhar Tropin, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Maureen O'Connor proposed voting for the approval of the application for the self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member



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of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Zakhar Tropin, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** approve the self-recusal application of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the evaluation of Zakhar Tropin, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **1.3. On consideration of the application for self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Oksana Shcherbaniuk as a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

### **Heard:**

Maureen O'Connor, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Oksana Vasylichenko had applied for self-recusal from the evaluation of Oksana Shcherbaniuk, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Maureen O'Connor proposed voting for the approval of the application for the self-recusal of Oksana Vasylichenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Oksana Shcherbaniuk, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes



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**Decided:** approve the self-recusal application of Oksana Vasylchenko, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the evaluation of Oksana Shcherbaniuk, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

**1.4. On consideration of the application for self-recusal of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Andrii Boiko as a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**

### **Heard:**

Oksana Vasylchenko, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Yaroslav Romaniuk had applied for self-recusal from the evaluation of Andrii Boiko, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Oksana Vasylchenko proposed voting for the approval of the application for the self-recusal of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Andrii Boiko, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** approve the self-recusal application of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the evaluation of Andrii Boiko, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

**1.5. On consideration of the application for self-recusal of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Roman Sabodash as a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.**



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### **Heard:**

Oksana Vasylchenko, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Yaroslav Romaniuk had applied for recusal from the evaluation of Roman Sabodash, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Oksana Vasylchenko proposed voting for the approval of the application for the self-recusal of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from evaluating Roman Sabodash, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

### **Voted:**

- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Hanna Suchocka: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

**Decided:** approve the self-recusal application of Yaroslav Romaniuk, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, regarding the evaluation of Roman Sabodash, a candidate for the position of judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

Oksana Vasylchenko informed that all issues on the agenda were considered.

**Chairwoman of  
the Advisory Group of Experts**

**Oksana Vasylchenko**

**Video recording of the live meeting broadcast:**



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