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| Event | Press conference on the parliamentary hearings |
| Speaker | Mr. Nikolay Tomenko, Deputy Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine |
| Subject | Arrangement and hosting final part of the Championship Euro 2012 in Ukraine |
| Date | 11 March 2009 |
| Location | Verhovna Rada, Kyiv, Ukraine |

Introduction:

On March 11, 2009, the press conference was given before the parliamentary hearings dedicated to the arrangement and hosting Euro 2012 in Ukraine. Two major tasks were set up during the parliamentary hearings: 1) to consolidate the efforts of all structures of central and local authorities as well as cooperation between Ukraine and Poland for provision of proper level of hosting Euro 2012 in Ukraine; 2) to stabilize the strategy of preparation: from the so-called optimistic to realistic, anti-recessionary one. The following government and business representatives took part in these parliamentary hearings:

- *Mr. Nikolay Tomenko, Deputy Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;*
- *Mr. Ivan Vasyunyk, Vice Premier-Minister of Ukraine;*
- *Mr. Grigoriy Surkis, President of Federation of Football of Ukraine;*
- *Mr. Pavlo Kostenko, MP, Head of Parliament Committee on Youth, Family and Sports of Ukraine;*
- *Mr. Ilya Shevlyak, Director of the Coordination Center Euro 2012;*
- *Heads of central government authorities;*
- *National coordinators of Euro 2012.*

Minutes:

During the press conference Mr. Tomenko informed that the State Program on preparation to Euro 2012 was in the process of preparation within the period of recovery of Ukrainian economy and the serious performance of state budget above target, therefore the extremely heavy load for preparation activities were imposed on the funds of state and local budgets. Nowadays, in the condition of crisis, it is necessary to reconsider this approach – said Deputy Chairman of Verkhovna Rada.

Mr. Tomenko also considers that it is necessary to think about more intensive attraction of capital assets and private investments. The activity of the municipal authorities, whose main task is to prepare the cities for Euro 2012, will have the key significance in this process.

Mr. Tomenko stressed that introduction of amendments to the Budget Code has to be promptly foreseen, that would enhance the budget revenues of local budgets. This step could allow the local government actively finance the project Euro 2012 from own funds.



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Mr. Tomenko emphasized that it is extremely important to understand that Euro 2012 in Ukraine is the presentation of the country and not the football stadiums. Thus, prompt step up of the works on general development and upgrade of customs border crossing, transport infrastructure, airports, hotels, etc. has to be done. He also informed that security protection and public order, preparation and training of voluntary servants, which are involved in conducting Euro 2012, requires the special consideration.

Mr. Tomenko mentioned that 1185 days are left before the beginning of the Championship.

General Remarks:

The event proved that the Government keeps Euro 2012 project as one of the high priority tasks for the country.