



FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS OF UKRAINE

On 8 June the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine picketed the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine because of the brutal violation by its officials of the law on trade unions and interference in the internal statutory activity. More than 300 trade union members and activists near the General Prosecutor's Office voiced their resolute protest against the oppression of trade union rights.



An unprecedented campaign of administrative pressure and discredit of FPU and its member organisations has been launched in Ukraine, this time organised by Head of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Crimea Vasyl Dzharty, performed by officials of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine.

In its address to the President of Ukraine the FPU Council gave negative assessment of these actions.

Contrary to Article 36 of the Constitution of Ukraine and Article 12 of the Law of Ukraine on Trade Unions, Their Rights and Guarantees of Their Activity, according to which the trade unions, their associations are independent in their activity from public and local authorities, are not accountable to them or controlled by them and public and local authorities and their officials are prohibited from interference in the statutory activity of trade unions, bodies of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine hamper normal work of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine, its member organisations and economic entities founded by it.



In violation of main principles of organisation of the prosecutor's activity specified by the Law of Ukraine concerning performing their duties on the grounds of the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, bodies of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine without any grounds send to the FPU and its affiliates numerous letters, orders, protests requiring to give information, documents, explanations, etc. The content and procedure of sending these

documents do not comply with basic requirements of the Law of Ukraine on Prosecutor's Office

The General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine does not respect its obligation under Article 19 of the Constitution of Ukraine to act only on the grounds, within the limits of authority, and in the manner envisaged by the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine.

Prosecutor's demands have no reference to the provisions of legislation that have been violated, do not contain the explanation of the violations as it is required by the Law of Ukraine on Prosecutor's Office. Thus these demands are groundless.

One of the requirements of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine is the prohibition to make decisions by authorized FPU bodies on disposal of its legally owned property, what is the direct violation of the legal owner's rights.

By such actions prosecutor's offices neglect the ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise which norms are part of the national legislation and according to which the public authorities shall refrain from any interference which would restrict the right to organise or impede its lawful exercise.

Mentioned demands are unlawful and aimed to discredit trade unions. They also undermine the trust to public authorities in Ukraine.

It should be noted that the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine has several times addressed the General Prosecutor of Ukraine Viktor Pshonka calling to take urgent measures to stop unlawful actions by some officials of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine and its bodies, however there were no adequate reaction from him, as it is required by Article 15 of the Law of Ukraine on Prosecutor's Office.

According to Article 46 of the Law of Ukraine on Trade Unions, Their Rights and Guarantees of Their Activity, officials guilty in violation of the legislation on trade unions, who by their action or inaction hamper lawful activity of trade unions or their association, shall bear disciplinary, administrative or criminal liability in compliance with laws.

In its address to the President of Ukraine the FPU called him to put an end to unlawful actions of some state officials and officials of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine that hamper activities of the most numerous public organisation of the country and already caused negative international reaction.

Taking into account the above mentioned the FPU demands to urgently dismiss the General Prosecutor of Ukraine Viktor Pshonka.