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Arsen AVAKOV is the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine since 27 February 2014. In his capacity, Mr. Avakov involved and appointed, for the first time in the history of Ukraine, civil society representatives, including members of the Self-Defense Maidan, as Ministry's senior officials. In March 2014 he initiated the establishment of the National Guard of Ukraine. On his initiative and under his direction there were formed the NGU first and second reserve volunteer battalions. Those units have been mostly composed of Self-Defense Maidan participants who went to the training camp directly from the Maidan. On 14 April 14 2016 Mr. Avakov was approved as the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Cabinet of Ministers, headed by Vladimir Groisman, for the third time by the Verkhovna Rada. He is the Honored Economist of Ukraine and has I rank of civil servant. Mr. Avakov is married and has a son.

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Valéria FAURE-MUNTIAN is a French politician representing La République En Marche! She was elected to the French National Assembly on 18 June 2017, representing the department of Loire. She is a member of the Economic Affairs Committee of the National Assembly. Born in 1984 in Kilia, a village in southwestern Ukraine, Ms. Faure-Muntian emigrated to France with her family, in Besançon in 1998. In 2005 she became a national of the French Republic. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Accounting Management in 2002. Later she joined the Department of Law at the University of Franche Comté and obtained a BTS bank insurance in 2007 from CFA Bank of Strasbourg. Ms. Faure-Muntian successfully held positions with Societe Generale, EDF, Auxiliaire Vie BTP and finally Groupama, as Customer Manager. In 2016, she joined En Marche!, Emmanuel Macron's movement. After having been selected as a legislative candidate in May by the national commission of investiture of En Marche!, she was elected defeating François Rochebloine, a parliamentarian since 1988. Ms. Faure-Muntian is married and has two children.

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Michael GAHLER has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1999 and is currently serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he is the Standing Rapporteur on Ukraine, and the Subcommittee on Security and Defense, where he is a spokesperson of the EPP Group. He chairs the Delegation for the Relations with the Pan-African Parliament, and holds membership in the South Africa Delegation, and Joint Parliamentary Assembly Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP)-EU. Mr. Gahler studied law in Germany, with further studies in France, and later joined the Diplomatic School of the Foreign Office (1990-1991), after which he spent two years as a Desk Officer in the Department of International Environmental Politics. In 1993-1995, he served as the assistant in the International Office of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Between 1995 and 1999, again with the German Foreign Office, he performed the functions of the Desk Officer for the Baltic States and the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

Iryna GERASHCHENKO is a Member of the Parliament of Ukraine and the First Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Ms. Gerashchenko was first elected as a Member of Parliament in 2007 and subsequently re-elected in 2012 and 2014. In 2014-2016, she served as Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine working on the issue of harmonizing Ukrainian legislation with the European norms and standards. Designated as the President's Commissioner in June 2014, Ms. Gerashchenko has been working to promote peaceful settlement of the conflict in the East of Ukraine and to create conditions for implementation of the plan of the Ukrainian President to peacefully settle the conflict. In May 2015, Ms. Gerashchenko was appointed by the President of Ukraine as the Representative of Ukraine in the Humanitarian Subgroup of the Trilateral Contact Group to resolve the situation in the East of Ukraine, where she was responsible for hostage release and effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts in Donbas. In 1993, Ms. Gerashchenko graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv majoring in Journalism. She also holds a Master's degree in Foreign Policy and a degree in Law from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

Larysa GOLNYK is a judge at the Oktiabrskiy District Court of Poltava, Ukraine. She has degrees in History and Law. Ms. Golnyk was appointed as a judge in 2010. Currently, her term of office has expired and she has no mandate to execute legal proceedings. In the course of discharging her functions, Ms. Golnyk considered the case of a corruption offense committed by the Mayor of Poltava in 2014. She reported to the law enforcement agencies on an attempt to bribe her via an intermediary, and, with their help, documented the illegal actions of the aforementioned individuals. As a result, the uncompromising judge faced persecution on the part of the city Mayor and of the Chairman of Court, where she worked. Abuses at the leadership level of the Poltava Prosecutor's Office resulted in termination of the Mayor's case, and only the intermediary has been brought before the court. Ms. Golnyk successfully insisted and brought the aforementioned case before the Committee on Corruption Prevention and Counteraction of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, with the investigation of the Mayor's crime having been renewed by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine.

Vladyslav GOLUB is an independent Member of the Parliament of Ukraine since November 2014. He sits on the Committee of Legal Affairs and Justice and holds membership in the Parliamentary Delegation to PACE. Previously, from March 2014 to July 2014, he served as Deputy Head of Kyiv City State Administration. In his career, Mr. Golub also practiced Banking and Finance Law in such leading law firms as Baker & McKenzie and Avellum Partners.

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Borys GUDZIAK is Eparch (Bishop) of the Paris Eparchy (Diocese) of St. Volodymyr the Great for France, Switzerland and Benelux (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church). He is also the Head of the Department of External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, as well as the President of the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv. Dr. Gudziak was born in 1960 in Syracuse, New York. He earned a Doctorate degree in Slavic and Byzantine Cultural History at Harvard University in 1992. The same year, he moved to Lviv where he founded and directed until 2002 the Institute of Church History. From 1995 until 2000 he served as Vice Rector of the Lviv Theological Academy and subsequently as Rector from 2000 to 2002. In 2002, Dr. Gudziak became Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University taking up the position of its President in 2013. In 2012 he was appointed as the Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Switzerland and presently is based in Paris. In 2015 Bishop Borys Gudziak became a Cavalier of the Order of Legion of Honor – the highest decoration in France.

Stefan GULLGREN is a career diplomat in the Swedish Foreign Service. He was Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden in 2013-2017. In 2009-2013, he served as Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine. From 2002 to 2009 Ambassador Gullgren worked at the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow, first as Counsellor for Political Affairs, then as Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Section for Economic Affairs and Trade, and finally as Deputy Head of Mission. He was Desk Officer for Russia at the MFA in Stockholm (1998-2002), having previously served at the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow (1994-1998) as a Second Secretary (Political Affairs). He earned a Master's in Law (LLM) at Uppsala University, Sweden, in 1994.

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Sergiy GUSOVSKY is a board member of the East Europe Foundation. Mr. Gusovsky graduated with distinction from Kyiv Military Aviation Engineering Academy in 1988 where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. From 1988 through 1992, he served in the army in a position of science specialist at the Gagarin Cosmonauts Training Center (Moscow Oblast, Russia). Upon quitting the service in the army in 1992, Mr. Gusovsky returned to Kyiv and established a company that was distributing satellite communication systems of the Inmarsat consortium. During 1995-2001 he was involved in investment and real estate development business in Kyiv. In 1995 he became a co-founder of the osteria “Pantagruel”. Since 2011 he has been Managing Partner of Gusovsky's Restaurants (osteria “Pantagruel”, pizzeria “Napule”, cafe “O'café”, boutiquebar “Biancoro”, and restaurant “Shoti”). Mr. Gusovsky was elected as a Kyiv City Council Member with the “Samopomich” party in 2014 and has become the head of its faction. He ran for Kyiv mayor during 2015 local elections. Since 2015 Gusovsky has been a member of the Standing Committee of Kyiv City Council on local government, regional and international relations.

Andriy GUTA is a successful entrepreneur involved in creation of business value in the IT, food and property development. Mr. Guta is one of the founding shareholders in Mriya Agro Holding, where he has held a number of positions. From 2005-2011 Mr. Guta occupied a position of Co-Founder and Vice-President in Mriya AgroHolding. After leaving Mriya in 2011, he focused on building some of the most innovative businesses in IT, infrastructure and property development. From 2012, Mr. Guta has been the owner of the AIO Ventures Company which invests in and provides IT and consulting services to companies with wide range of business directions. Since then, Mr. Guta has been responsible for planning, strategy and development in his IT business. Mr. Guta was born in 1978 in Ternopil Oblast. Being a person ready to walk extra mile to achieve best possible result, in 1997 he entered Hogeschool Utrecht University of Applied Sciences, International Economy, in Netherlands, where he graduated as the Master of International Economy in 2005. Mr. Guta has a spouse, two daughters and two sons. In addition to Ukrainian, his native language, he also speaks English and German. His area of interests includes strategic planning, snowboarding, and travelling.

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Martin HAGSTRÖM is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to Ukraine. Mr. Hagström was appointed Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine and arrived in Kyiv in September 2016. A career diplomat, Mr. Hagström served as Ambassador for the Eastern Partnership at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden in Stockholm in 2013-2016. Before that, he served as Head of Division for Eastern Europe at the Ministry from 2010 to 2013. His previous diplomatic postings include the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union and the Consulate General of Sweden in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Before joining the diplomatic service, Mr. Hagström worked as a journalist.

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Vitalii KOVALCHUK is First Deputy Head at the Administration of the President of Ukraine since 2014 responsible for supervising regional policy and regional human resources matters. In 2016 Mr. Kovalchuk also appointed as Presidential Representative in the Cabinet of Ministers additionally monitoring the economic block of matters. He started his public career as a representative of Holiivskyy district in the Kyiv city council. In April 2010 Mr. Kovalchuk was elected as Head of the central executive committee of the Political party “UDAR (Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms) of Vitali Klitschko”. In 2010-2014, he served as the Deputy Head of “UDAR”. In 2012-2014, he was elected as a Member of the Verkhovna Rada with the “UDAR” political party. Mr., Kovalchuk graduated from the Department of Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, in 1993. In 2011, he also completed his studies at the National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine. Mr. Kovalchuk was born in Bucha, Kyiv oblast, in 1969. He is married and has three children.

Yulia KOVALIV is Head of the Office of the National Investment Council (NIC). Ms. Kovaliv has almost ten-year's experience at executive positions in energy sector and public administration. Before the establishment of the NIC Office she served as First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade and was responsible for reforming state enterprises and investment policy. She was also a member of the State Regulator of the National Commission, which performs state regulation in the energy and utilities field. In 2016-2017, she also held the position of Chairman of the Supervisory Board at "Naftogaz Ukraine". In her early career, Ms. Kovaliv worked for Ernst & Young and later moved to LLC "Financial Consulting Company". Thereafter, she held the position of Financial Director of LLC "Gazex Ukraine." In 2011-2013, she worked in the Coordination Center for Economic Reforms. Ms. Kovaliv holds a degree in Economics from the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy". In 2011, she graduated from the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, where she obtained an MA in Social Development Management. Ms. Kovaliv also attended training programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Boris KRASNYANSKY is Chief Executive Officer of Group DF, a private international group of companies whose interests and assets range from energy and chemicals through to gas distribution and real estate (since September 2012). Before joining Group DF, Mr. Krasnyansky had been working for more than fifteen years in total at PwC, one of the Big Four companies. From 2005 to 2012 he held the position of Managing Partner of PwC Ukraine as well as Chairman of the Partner Council (Supervisory Board) of PwC in the CEE region which includes 29 countries. Mr. Krasnyansky was the Leader of Management Consulting Services at PwC in Ukraine and Russia. In this role he also was Head of Strategic Consulting for PwC in Central and Eastern Europe, and a member of the Global Advisory Board of PwC Consulting. During 2003-2005, he was Chairman of the Executive Board of IFD Kapital, one of the largest investment and financial groups in Russia. Mr. Krasnyansky obtained a degree in Economics and Information Technologies from the Kyiv Institute of National Economy as well as a PhD in Industrial Economics.

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Andrius KUBILIUS is a Lithuanian politician who served as the Prime Minister of Lithuania from 1999 to 2000 and again from 2008 to 2012. He is a former leader of a conservative political party Homeland Union (Lithuanian Christian Democrats). Since 2015, Mr. Kubilius has served as a Member of the International Advisory Council of Reforms to the President of Ukraine; Member of the International Advisory Council, International Republican Institute, USA; and Member of the Advisory Board, EuroGrowth Initiative, Atlantic Council, USA. In 1990-1992, Mr. Kubilius held membership in the pro-independence Sajūdis movement, which favored separation from the Soviet Union.

Leonid KUCHMA was the President of Ukraine from 1994 to 2005. Mr. Kuchma graduated as a mechanical engineer from the Dnipropetrovsk State University in 1960. Beginning his career as an engineer in the Design Bureau “Yuzhnoye” in Dnipropetrovsk, he worked his way up to the first deputy general designer of DB “Yuzhnoye”. In 1986, Mr. Kuchma became a head of the world’s largest plant for the production of rocket and space technology “Yuzhnyi Machine-Building Plant”. In 1990, he embarked on a government service career, when he was elected to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine from Dnipropetrovsk oblast. In 1992, Mr. Kuchma was appointed as the Prime Minister of Ukraine, and, in 1993, he voluntarily resigned the position. In 1994, as the head of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, he was nominated as the Presidential candidate. The same year he was elected as the President of Ukraine for the first term, and re-elected for the second term in 1999. During 10 years of his presidency, Mr. Kuchma laid the background for the development of the Ukrainian state, market economy and human development of independent Ukraine. Mr. Kuchma signed the Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation with the European Union, a major partnership agreement with NATO, as well as the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine’s accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Oksana KULAKOVSKA is Director of Kyiv Center of UCU since May 2016. Prior to taking up this post, she was Executive Director of Yalta European Strategy and headed the Department of Educational Programs at the Victor Pinchuk Foundation. In 2008-2013, Ms. Kulakovska served as the Director of Executive MBA Program and Deputy Director of Lviv Business School at the Ukrainian Catholic University. In that capacity, her achievements include the implementation of partnership development program with leading business schools of the USA, Poland, and over 40 higher educational establishments offering business education in Ukraine within the framework of the Consortium for Enhancement of Ukrainian Management Education, CEUME, Kyiv. Ms. Kulakovska has developed a theoretical basis and has contributed to implementation of the first post-diploma studies (PDS) in Ukraine, arranged over 25 international study tours to seven countries of the world for heads of leading Ukrainian companies and universities. A native of Lviv, Ms. Kulakovska received comprehensive training in Business Administration, Strategic and Marketing Planning in Lviv Institute of Management, Warsaw School of Economics, University of Minnesota, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and CEU Business School.

Davide LA CECILIA is the Ambassador of Italy to Ukraine. He has held the position of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Kyiv since August 2016. After having served as a second lieutenant of the Italian Coast Guard and having earned a degree in Political Science at the University of Rome, Ambassador La Cecilia entered the diplomatic service in 1989, starting his career at the Personal Secretariat of the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has the wealth of diplomatic experience having served as Vice Consul in Hong Kong (1992-1996), First Secretary at the Italian Embassy in London (1996-1999), Head of the Office of the Secretary-General in Rome (1999-2001), Head of the Trade Office of the Italian Embassy in Tokyo (2001-2005) and Deputy Head of Mission in Tel Aviv (2005-2009). In 2009-2013, Ambassador La Cecilia worked in Rome, initially as Head of the Office for Middle Eastern Countries and then as Coordinator for the Middle Eastern Peace Process. In 2011, he was promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary, and, from 2013 until his appointment in Kyiv, discharged the functions of the Consul General in Jerusalem.

Maksym LAVRYNOVYCH is Managing Partner at Lavrynovych & Partners Law Firm, one of the leading law firms in Ukraine, established in 2004. The firm provides legal services to multinational and Ukrainian companies in Ukraine and Austria. Mr. Lavrynovych has eighteen years of experience in International Investment, Corporate, M&A, Competition and other areas, playing a leading role in the legal support of multimillion-dollar deals. He is a speaker on Leadership at the Law School for Attorneys. His awards include the Badge of Honor by the High Council of Justice of Ukraine in 2009, "Lawyer of the Year" in the category "Lawyer, Representative of a Private Law Firm" and an Honorary Title by the Union of Lawyers of Ukraine in 2011, and "Lawyer of the Year" in the program "Person of the Year", 2014. Due to his solid reputation, Mr. Lavrynovych was highly appraised in Corporate and M&A, Dispute resolution and Tax by The Legal 500: Europe, Middle East & Africa guides in 2013-2016 and in Commercial, Corporate and M&A in 2017. The Best Lawyers ranking recognized his profound expertise in Corporate Law, and International Arbitration. Mr. Lavrynovych was included into "Client's Choice: The Top 100 Best Lawyers of Ukraine" ranking in 2015-2016 and has been named one of the best investment lawyers in 2017. He holds a Master's in International Law and a Bachelor's in International Relations.

Jean-Yves LECONTE is a French senator who is a member of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs and of the Committee for European Affairs. He also participates in several international inter-parliamentary groups. After spending his youth in Normandy, Mr. Leconte pursued his studies in Engineering at the École Centrale de Paris. After a year of teaching in the Parisian suburbs, in 1991, he went to Poland for his military service with the French Army. He decided to stay in Poland and started a construction material company. In 2000, he started another company in Ukraine. As for his political career, Mr. Leconte joined the French Socialist Party in 1986. In 1994 he was elected to the Superior Council of French Expatriates (CSFE - Conseil Supérieur des Français de l'Étranger), then re-elected in 2000 in a constituency made up of the ex-Soviet states in Central and Eastern Europe. As a member of this council, he helped foster the growth of French schooling in the area, which became an increasingly pressing need, as more and more French families moved to Eastern Europe. In 2004, the CSFE council became the Assembly of French Expatriates (AFE - Assemblée des Français de l'Étranger). He was re-elected in the constituency of Vienna, made up of fourteen Eastern and Central European states. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Leconte was Vice President of the AFE. He was elected as a senator in September 2011 as part of a united electoral list based on an agreement between the French Socialist Party and the French Green Party. Mr. Leconte is married and has three children.

Victor LIAKH is Head of the East Europe Foundation (EEF), a Ukraine-based not-for-profit organization that seeks to mobilize public and private resources for social and economic development in Ukraine. EEF implements various projects related to technology innovation including e-governance, e-democracy, and public sector innovations; local economic and social development policy; digital media and social networking; open data and public oversight innovations; capacity building for civil society organizations and development of public sector as a whole. Mr. Liakh works actively to promote innovations in civil society and governance areas, broadly disseminate best practices, inform policymakers at the local and national levels about means to promote innovation and enhance the public's and media's understanding of the importance of technological innovations. In 2005-2008, he served as Executive Director of the Child Well-Being Fund Ukraine, a subsidiary organization of the ChildFund International Inc., where he has worked in various capacities since 2001. Mr. Liakh has also worked for the Ukrainian State Center of Social Services for Youth (1996-2000) and UNICEF (2000-2001).

Oleksandr LIEMIENOV is a leading expert in the Anti-Corruption Group of the Reanimation Package of Reforms (RPR) since July 2017. He graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Department of Law, in 2012. During his studies, Mr. Liemienov worked in a number of large agricultural companies. In the summer of 2012, he changed his legal practice and began working in the public sector, thereafter becoming a central analyst for the «Chesno» movement. For the following two years, Mr. Liemienov was in charge of several anti-corruption projects. In 2014-2015, he participated in short-term programs at Lviv Business School and the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). In 2015, Mr. Liemienov was elected as a manager of the Anti-corruption group at RPR. Along with legal activity, he published more than 100 journalistic investigations in well-known Ukrainian media. In the autumn of 2016, Mr. Liemienov took up the position of advisor on anti-corruption in the RADA project funded by USAID. In June 2017, Oleksandr Liemienov received an MBA degree at the MIM-Kyiv.

Zinaida LIHACHEVA (Kubar) is an artist. She was born in 1975. In 2017, she graduated from the National Academy of Arts of Ukraine in Kyiv. She has been a member of the Ukrainian National Union of Artists since 2013 and currently lives and works in Kyiv. A poetic perception of time is reflected in Zinaida's meditative installations, ascetically verified video projections, artistic musical performances and sculptural objects. Her recent solo exhibitions and performances include *Dakini* at Shevchenko National Museum, Kyiv (2017), *Flow and Not only* at Lavra Gallery, Kyiv (2016), and *MUTE* at Pinchuk Art Centre, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Igor LISKI is the Founder and Chairman of the Board in Effective Investments Company (since 2006), which is engaged in attracting investment in the Ukrainian economy. Mr. Liski is also a member of the Board of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce and of the Coordinating Council of the Association “Aspen-Ukraine” as well as a founder of the Ukrainian Business Initiative. He also actively participates and speaks at various international investment and economic forums. Having started his career in the field of metal trade in the early 2000s, he expanded his business interests to coal production, processing and trade, cardboard and paper production, machine building, agriculture, construction and development. In 2002 he was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of PrJSC “Mining and Concentrating Factory ‘Krasnoluchska’”. Mr. Liski was honoured with Commendation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for the personal contribution to the development of business and significant achievements in professional activity (2008) and for outstanding achievements of young people in the reconstruction of Ukraine (2007).

Gosta LJUNGMAN is Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund in Ukraine. He is a Swedish national who has been at the IMF since 2007, covering a wide range of countries and issues, and most recently working as a Senior Economist on the Georgia team. In 2010-2012, Mr. Ljungman worked on the Ukraine team, with a focus on fiscal, pension and energy issues. In addition to providing technical assistance in the fiscal area to some 25 countries, Mr. Ljungman was part of the team developing the IMF's new fiscal transparency evaluation framework. He has also been active in designing and delivering the IMF training courses on macro-fiscal issues for the IMF Institute. Before joining the IMF, Mr. Ljungman worked for eight years in the Swedish Ministry of Finance, including his position as an economic attaché to Moscow, Russia. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from Uppsala University.

Georgii LOGVYNSKYI is Member of the Ukrainian Parliament since 2014 and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since January 2017. He is also the Honoured Lawyer of Ukraine. As an MP, he holds the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and International Relations. Mr. Logvynskyi is a well-known attorney and human rights defender. As an attorney and member of Kyiv regional bar association, he has represented clients in civil and administrative headline-making cases. Mr. Logvynskyi has been the legal adviser of the Congress of National Communities of the Crimean Tatar people and the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people on international legal matters. In 1996 he started his business activities setting up a consulting company. Later on, Mr. Logvynskyi established an international consortium with contributions from Poland, the UK and German legal entities. He fluently speaks Ukrainian, English, Russian, Polish, German and Hebrew.

Irina LUTSENKO is the Representative of the President in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Ms. Lutsenko is the member of the party “PETRO POROSHENKO BLOC”. Since 2015, she has served as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on International Legal Affairs and Parliamentary Control over the Implementation of International Obligations by Ukraine of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. From 2012 to 2014, Ms. Lutsenko chaired the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and was a Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Inter-ethnic relations. She also has the wealth of experience in commerce and management gained when holding the positions of Commercial Director (2009-2012), Administrative Director (2008-2009) and Financial Director (2005-2008) at LLC “Ukrainian Newest Telecommunications”, Director at Business center “Lotus” (2008-2012), Head of Department at NAIC “Oranta” (2004-2005), Head of Department at the Kyiv Oblast Territorial Office of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine (1998-2004), and Deputy Head of Department at the Rivne Territorial Office of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine (1994-1998). Ms. Lutsenko started her career as a software engineer ACS at "Soyuzuchprybor" in 1988 and, before taking up the aforesaid managerial positions, served as leading specialist at the Department of Economy of the Rivne Oblast Executive Committee. She graduated from Lviv Polytechnic Institute (now Lviv Polytechnic National University) with a degree in Applied Mathematics in 1988 and obtained her second degree in Accounting and Auditing from the Ukrainian State Academy of Water Resources in 1996.

Torben MAJGAARD is the Founder and Chairman of Ciklum as well as an Investor. He has 20 years of experience working in Eastern Europe and 30 years of IT expertise. Mr. Majgaard has founded and invested in a number of technology companies, mainly in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. He is the Founder and Supervisory Board Member of “Brain Basket Foundation”, a joint initiative with the Ukrainian government to help the development of the IT sector in Ukraine.

Oleg MAKAROV has been a partner with Vasil Ksil & Partners since the establishment of the firm. He was the Managing Partner of the firm in 2007-2015. For over twenty years, Mr. Makarov has been practicing Domestic and International Litigation, Taxation, Investments, Securities, Property Law and Bankruptcy Law. In the course of conducting successful litigation practice, which has become one of the most extensive among Ukrainian lawyers, Mr. Makarov has demonstrated the qualities of a charismatic leader what made his transition into the Managing Partner role very natural. Mr. Makarov is a deputy chair of the Qualification Disciplinary Commission of the Bar. He represents Ukraine on the Best Lawyers Advisory Board and is a renowned expert on law firm management issues. He is the author of numerous commentaries and legal reviews on the issues of dispute resolution, Ukrainian judicial system, legal profession, status and position of attorneys in Ukraine. He also has been actively involved in elaboration of a number of draft laws submitted to the Ukrainian Parliament. Mr. Makarov is recognized by the prestigious legal guides Chambers Europe and Chambers Global as one of the most famous and experienced litigators in Ukraine.

Francis MALIGE is Managing Director for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (since 2014). He is responsible for leading the Bank's operations in Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. A French national, Mr. Malige joined the EBRD in February 2010 as a Director in the Financial Institutions team where he successfully developed the Bank's business in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, Turkey and most recently in the southern and eastern Mediterranean. Before joining the EBRD, he served as Managing Director for Corporate Development at BNP Paribas, focusing on bank acquisitions. His earlier career was in Accounting and Consulting, at Arthur Andersen and McKinsey & Company, where he assisted clients in industry, high-tech and construction, as well as financial services. Mr. Malige is a graduate of ESCP Europe, a French business school. In addition to his native French, he is fluent in German, Italian and English.

Olena MALYNSKA is the CEO of the PJSC “BANK CREDIT DNEPR”, a universal bank offering a wide range of banking and financial services. For more than 24 years of its work it has won the reputation of a trustworthy and stable financial institution with high-quality customer service that meets all the expectations of both individuals and legal entities. Ms. Malynska has more than twenty years of experience in the financial sector and more than fifteen years as a top-manager at Ukrainian banks. Earlier, she was the CEO of the “Energobank”, Deputy Chairman-CFO of the JPSC “Alfa-Bank” and CFO, Deputy Chairman of the “ProCreditBank”. In 1998-2001, Ms. Malynska gained expertise in external audit of financial market companies in Arthur Andersen Ukraine and Arthur Andersen LLP, USA. She graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with a Master’s degree in Management and BA in Law.

Oksana MARKAROVA is a Ukrainian public servant and investment expert. She obtained an MS degree in environmental science from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, and MPA degree in International Public Finance from Indiana University (Bloomington, USA). Ms. Markarova worked for the International Foundation of Election Systems and for Chemonics Intl. Consulting Company (the Ukrainian agrarian commodity exchange project). She also served as an Economic Policy Advisor and External and Corporate Relations manager for Western NIS Enterprise Fund, a \$150 million private equity fund (currently managed by Horizon Capital) capitalized by the US government, and in 2000 undertook internship at the World Bank headquarters in the Financial and Banking Group in the ECA region. Until her current appointment she worked with the ITT Investment group as the President and CEO of the ITT-Invest, one of the leading Ukrainian investment houses. In 2015, Ms. Markarova started her career in public sector as a Deputy Minister of Finance and Chief of Staff and subsequently was appointed as the First Deputy Minister of Finance. In addition, on 8 August, 2016 the Prime Minister named Ms. Markarova a Government Commissioner on Investments. In that capacity she already instituted the UkraineInvest office with a view to investment promotion. She is a member of the Supervisory Boards of all state banks, i.e. Oshadbank, Eximbank, Ukgazbank and PryvatBank.

Barbora MARONKOVA was appointed Director of the NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Ukraine since March 2017. Ms. Maronkova joined NATO's Public Diplomacy Division in Brussels, Belgium in 2006 as program coordinator to oversee projects that aim to raise awareness and promote NATO in a number of NATO member states. As of September 2010, she works as programme manager and is responsible for designing, planning and implementing public diplomacy campaigns in the Western Balkans. She actively works on NATO's Partnerships and Open door policies. In this capacity, she advises candidate countries on their national public awareness campaigns on NATO membership. As of 2012, she co-leads the Evaluation and Assessment program for the Division. Previously, Ms. Maronkova worked for a private airline company, Sky Europe Airlines on a number of projects including internal communications. In 2003, she established and headed a Slovak-based NGO Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs to contribute to public and academic debate on Slovakia's membership in the EU and NATO. Her work included public relations and media appearances, public speaking, donors and stakeholders relations as well as the management of the NGO. A graduate of the University of Economics of Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Ms. Maronkova is also an alumni of the CPD Summer Institute and holds a Public Affairs diploma from the Chartered Institute for Public Relations in the UK.

Yulia MARUSHEVSKA is a Ukrainian activist and former public servant, who has become well known internationally after starring in the viral YouTube video “I am a Ukrainian” filmed during the climax of the Euromaidan protests in early 2014. After President Yanukovych was ousted from power and fled the country, Ms. Marushevskaya was widely interviewed by news outlets around the world and invited to speak about the revolution in Europe, the US and Canada. Then, in 2015, she was invited to be a visiting scholar at Stanford University working closely with Larry Diamond, Francis Fukuyama and former US Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul. Before the revolution, she obtained a PhD in Ukrainian literature at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. In July 2015, former president of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili, the then governor of Odesa Oblast of Ukraine, appointed her as his deputy in the Odesa Regional Administration. In October of that year, Ms. Marushevskaya was appointed as Head of the Customs Office of Odesa, a notoriously corrupt port on the Black Sea. She resigned in November 2016, not long after the resignation of Saakashvili and the rest of his team. Ms. Marushevskaya joined them in their strong stance that there was no high-level political will in support of the necessary reforms. After resigning she returned to public service, first with the “Help Hot Line” project which has provided legal support to businesses that witness corruption and pressure from the State Fiscal Service. She has recently launched a new NGO to work in the field of regional development and civic education.

Roman MASELKO is Attorney at Law, member of the NGO “Automaidan” Board, and Head of the Civil Oversight Council of the National Anti-corruption Bureau of Ukraine. He also holds membership in the Public Integrity Council and is an expert on judicial reform with the Reanimation Package of Reforms (RPR) initiative. Mr. Maselko is the co-founder of the NGO “Advocacy Advisory Panel” which monitors investigation of Maidan cases. He graduated from the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv in 2001 and received the license of attorney at law in 2012. In 2015, Mr. Maselko finished Ukrainian School of Political Studies (the project of the Council of Europe). In 2003-2016, he worked as a lawyer and head of the legal department at the “ProCredit Bank”. Since 2016, Mr. Maselko has been mainly engaged in public activities. During the Revolution of Dignity he participated pro bono in the organization of legal protection of protesters. In addition, for more than three years, he has been conducting proceedings to punish those judges and law enforcers guilty of persecuting activists during the Revolution of Dignity. Mr. Maselko has directly taken part in the development of Ukraine’s judicial reform and has been an advocate of the judiciary renewal and creation of a new Supreme Court in Ukraine.

Pablo MATEU is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Ukraine. Having worked for more than 25 years with the UNHCR, Mr. Mateu has served in nine countries and the agency's Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. His field experience includes camp-based refugee situations (Algeria, Mauritania, Mexico), reintegration of returnees (Afghanistan, Central America, Mozambique) and IDPs (Bosnia & Herzegovina). He also served as the UNHCR Representative in Algiers (2008-2009). At HQ level, his experience was related to linking humanitarian assistance with development, inter-agency cooperation, livelihoods, and durable solutions. Before coming to Ukraine, he worked on independent oversight, assessing the quality of UNHCR operations management around the world. Prior to joining UNHCR, Mr. Mateu worked as a consultant for the International Labour Organization and founded a national non-governmental organization in his native country (El Salvador) which specializes in micro-finance and local-level development. He completed his undergraduate and graduate university studies in the United States of America (Tulane University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill).

Svitlana MATVIENKO is Chairwoman of the Board of the Agency for Legislative Initiatives. She studied Theoretical and Practical Philosophy at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla academy” and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. She has a ten-year experience of working in the third sector and public bodies. Ms. Matviienko is an author of numerous publications. She is also in charge of leading Ukrainian think tank “Agency for Legislative Initiatives”, which implements the programs of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies. Ms. Matviienko is keen on literature and history of art.

Daniel MAYDANIK is Chairman of the Board of the Association of Gas Producers of Ukraine since December 2015. The Association of Gas Producers of Ukraine incorporates seven largest gas producing companies of Ukraine – UkrGasVydobuvannya, DTEK Neftgaz, Burisma Group, Geo Alliance Group, Smart Energy, KUB-Gaz and Poltava Petroleum Company. Mr. Maydanik studied at Kyiv National Economic University in 1994-1998 where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree with honors in Economics and a Master's Degree in Business Management. From 1998 to 2001 Mr. Maydanik worked as an expert certified by the State Property Fund of Ukraine in cost evaluation and management consulting. In 2001 he started his career as an auditor and financial consultant with Deloitte, one of the "Big Four" accounting firms. Soon afterwards Mr. Maydanik was appointed as a top executive manager. In 2007-2009 he became Deputy CFO with Interpipe, one of the largest steel pipe and railway wheel producers in the world. Since 2009 up to the present day Mr. Maydanik has been the Head of Corporate Finance and Investment Management Department, and representative of the EastOne Group Board of Directors, where, in particular, he is in charge of oil and gas domains.

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Oleksiy PAVLENKO is the Director of Programs for Agro-Industry Development at the Ukrainian Institute for the Future. Mr. Pavlenko held the position of Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine in 2014-2016. Prior to this position, he was a supervisor at KPMG Ukraine (1997-2001); management consultant at ABN AMRO, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2001); a Member of the Audit Committee, Head of Restructuring Team and Business Development team with Damen Shipyards Group in the Netherlands providing projects realization in Ukraine, Romania and Netherlands (2002-2003); CEO of Rise Group (Ukraine), responsible for general, strategic and investment management of the Group in Ukraine, Russia and Moldova (2004-2006); a Chief Executive Officer of Foxtrot, responsible for general and investment management in Ukraine and Moldova (2007-2009). Since 2009, Mr. Pavlenko is a Member of the Advisory Board of the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” and is also affiliated with the initiative and coordination group “First professional reformation government”. In 2013-2014, he was a Member of the Supervisory Board at “European Milk Technologies”, consulting Agroprogess Holding Ltd and Forum Capital about investments into the agricultural sector. He holds membership in the International Young Presidents` Organization since 2012, and in the CEO club Ukraine since 2013. Mr. Pavlenko holds a Bachelor degree in Economics from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, a “Finance Specialist” degree from the International Privatization Center (International Business School) and a Master’s degree in International Management from the Ukrainian Academy of Foreign Trade. In 2001-2002, he studied at Nyenrode Business School, Netherlands, where he received an MBA level. Mr. Pavlenko has a PhD in World Economy and International Economic Relations, with his thesis related to regulation of meat import in the case of Ukraine’s integration to the EU (2010).

Olena PAVLENKO is President of the Ukrainian think-tank DiXi Group, and founder of the “Ukrainian Energy” website. Dr. Pavlenko has worked in energy sphere for more than 15 years, dealing with such issues as energy security, information policy in the energy sphere, energy transparency, and oil and gas market liberalisation. She is a Deputy Head of the EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) MSG (Multi-Stakeholder Group) in Ukraine. She also represents DiXi Group in Working Group on Energy and Transport on the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform. Dr. Pavlenko coordinated a number of projects, namely those aimed at unveiling the schemes in extractive sector of Ukraine and monitoring Ukraine’s commitments to European energy reforms and promoting new energy legislation (gas and electricity markets, energy regulation and energy efficiency). She was one of those who initiated the draft laws on Energy Regulations and on Data Disclosure in Extractive Industries, bringing it to the Parliament and working in close cooperation with MPs to have it adopted. Dr. Pavlenko has served as not-on-staff Advisor to the Minister of Energy during 2015-2016.

Jason PELLMAR is IFC Regional Manager for Belarus and Ukraine. Mr. Pellmar has been with IFC since 2010 and leads IFC's investment and advisory operations in Ukraine and Belarus effective as of 1 June 2017. He is responsible for managing a significant investment program – over US\$3 billion of long-term finance in Ukraine and approximately US\$300 million in Belarus as well as an extensive advisory program focused on improving the business environment, expanding access to finance, promoting a green economy, modernizing supply chains and opening new markets. He has worked in a wide range of regions and industries. From 2014 to 2017, Mr. Pellmar was responsible for new business development in the infrastructure, agribusiness, manufacturing and services sectors in Myanmar, Southeast Asia. Previously based in Istanbul, Turkey he led several landmark infrastructure transactions in Europe, Middle East and North Africa region. Prior to joining IFC, Mr. Pellmar underwrote and managed a global portfolio of energy assets at GE Energy Financial Services in Stamford, Connecticut, US. He holds a Master's degree in International Finance and Russian & Eurasian Studies from Johns Hopkins University, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Oleksii PERTIN is CEO of Smart-Holding Private Joint-Stock Company (PJSC) since October 2015. Previously, he held the position of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Smart-Holding PJSC. He joined Smart-Holding PJSC in 2007 and that year in August was appointed as Strategy and Corporate Development Director. Mr. Pertin is a member of the Supervisory Board of Metinvest Group and is the Chairman of the Strategy and Investment Committee of Metinvest Group. In 1994, Mr. Pertin graduated from the Department of General Technology at Cherepovets State University. In 2001, he graduated from Saint Petersburg State Technical University where he majored in Finance Management. From 2003 to 2005 he continued his education at the Institute of Professional Managers (ACCA) where he obtained a degree in Finance Management, and later studied at the Newcastle Business School (University of Northumbria, United Kingdom) for an MBA.

Andreas PESCHKE is the Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia in the German Federal Foreign Office since July 2015. He started his career in the German Embassy in Nigeria in 1999 and continued his diplomatic work in Russia in 2002. In 2004-2006, Mr. Peschke worked in the European Directorate-General at the Federal Foreign Office. Two years later, he started to work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Germany. Subsequently, Mr. Peschke became, at first, a Deputy Spokesperson and then the Spokesperson in the Federal Foreign Office in 2009. After that, in 2013, he was appointed as the German Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya. Mr. Peschke has a degree in African Studies from Leipzig, Cologne and London.

Marina PETROV has been appointed Deputy Director at EBRD Ukraine on 19 January 2015. Ms. Petrov joined the EBRD in 1995 as part of the team that opened the EBRD Resident Office in Chisinau, Moldova. In 2001, she moved to Financial Institutions department first in London and later in Moscow. In 2009, Ms. Petrov was appointed Head of Saint Petersburg office and was in charge of the EBRD's business in the North-West Federal District of Russia. She also held numerous Supervisory Board positions in financial institutions and equity funds in Russia. Ms. Petrov graduated from Moscow State University.

Inna PIDLUSKA has served as the Deputy Executive Director at the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) since May 2011. She supervises the IRF's programs and organizational development, and is responsible for coordinating strategic planning, evaluation, and work with other donors in Ukraine. Ms. Pidluska served as a member of the IRF's Executive Board in 2006-2010. Prior to joining the IRF, she served as the Executive Director of the Yalta European Strategy (YES) in 2006-2011 and was directly involved in organizing the Yalta Annual Meetings and YES advocacy on European integration in Ukraine and the EU. Since 1992, Ms. Pidluska has been involved in establishing and developing Ukrainian NGOs and think tanks, focusing on democratic transition, governance, civic participation in policy-making, and elections. She was a member of the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy in 2006-2012. Ms. Pidluska served as the Chair of the Board of the Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum in 2011-2014 and has sat on its Supervisory Board since 2015. A graduate of the Kyiv National Linguistic University, she was a Chevening Scholar in the UK (1994-1995), a policy fellow at the Open Society Institute (2000-2002) and a NATO Democracy Fellow (1996-1998).

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Alain PILLOUX is Vice President of Banking at The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as of November 2016. Mr. Pilloux has overall responsibility for the effective delivery of the Bank's investment and advisory activities in the EBRD's thirty six countries of operations, as well as contributing to the delivery of policy engagement activities. He is also a member of the Executive Committee. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Pilloux served as Acting Vice President for Policy & Partnerships where he was responsible, inter alia, for coordinating the Bank's strategies and policy engagement, as well as mobilizing and managing multilateral and bilateral donor funding and overseeing the EBRD's engagement with key external partners. After starting his career at the Inspection Générale des Finances in Paris, Mr. Pilloux joined the EBRD in June 1992 as a senior banker. He held various management responsibilities, including Country Director for Poland (1995-1997), Business Group Director for Central Europe and the Baltic States (1998-2005), Managing Director for Russia, based in Moscow (2006-2009), and Managing Director for Industry, Commerce and Agribusiness (2010-2015). Since 2014 Mr. Pilloux also had responsibility for the Bank's direct equity and equity funds investments across sectors and regions.

Elena PINCHUK was named amongst the top women leaders of the year by La Tribune in 2010, and was a member of UN high level Commission on HIV prevention. In 2003, Elena founded ANTI/AIDS Foundation, the first Ukrainian private foundation aimed at fighting AIDS. ANTI/AIDS Foundation has cooperated with Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, Elton John AIDS Foundation and Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS. Elena is a daughter of the second President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma. Elena also chairs the Supervisory Board of StarLightMedia, the biggest media holding in Ukraine. StarLightMedia supports campaigns against AIDS and so far has invested 80 million dollars in combating AIDS.

Oleksandr POCHKUN is the founder and managing partner of the company “Baker Tilly Ukraine” which is a member of the international network Baker Tilly International. He has over 18 years of experience in providing audit services, project management, due diligence, tax and financial consulting. Mr. Pochkun graduated from Kyiv National Economic University majoring in Financial Management and successfully completed the Leadership Program course at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Mr. Pochkun has a solid reputation being a Certified Auditor (the Certificate of the Audit Chamber of Ukraine) and Certified Accounting Practitioner (the CAP Certificate). He also holds membership in the Regional EMEA Advisory Council and Public Sector Committee within the frameworks of the Baker Tilly International network as well as in the East Europe Foundation Board. Mr. Pochkun is an initiator and Vice-President of the SUP (Union of Ukrainian Entrepreneurs). He is married and has four sons.

Richard James POLLARD is the Managing Partner of PwC in Ukraine resident in Kyiv. Starting from 2012 he has been a member of the PwC's CEE Regional Leadership Team. Mr. Pollard has 34 years' experience with PwC, of which 22 years he has been the company's Partner. Mr. Pollard has had formal secondments to Paris, Tokyo, and Moscow. Throughout his career most of Mr. Pollard's client work has been on multinational clients, especially in the oil and gas sector. In addition, he has led PwC's Global Development function for three years. Mr. Pollard is a graduate in Law from Oxford University, and is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Alina POLYAKOVA is the Director of Research for Europe and Eurasia at the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC. She is an expert on European populism and author of the book “The Dark Side of European Integration”. Dr. Polyakova is also a Senior Research Fellow, member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a frequent media commentator on developments in Ukraine, Russian foreign policy, and European politics. Her writings have appeared in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, The American Interest, Newsweek, and academic journals. She has been a fellow at the Eurasia Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Fulbright Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), and a Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Bern. Previously, Dr. Polyakova has served as an adviser to non-governmental organizations in Europe and the United States working to promote democratic transparency, accountability, and governance reform in Eastern Europe. She has also taught at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Bern, Switzerland. Dr. Polyakova holds a PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA in Economics and Sociology with highest honors from Emory University.

Hermine POPPELLER is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Austria in Ukraine. She presented the Letters of Credence to H.E. Mr. Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, on 26 May 2015. Prior to her assignment in Ukraine Ambassador Poppeller was Head of the Department for Property Management at the Foreign Ministry in Vienna. She entered the Foreign Service in 1992. She served as Deputy Head of Mission in Ottawa (1994-1997) and Budapest (1997-2000). Between 2000 and 2003 she was working at the Foreign Ministry in Vienna dealing with Coreper I coordination. In 2003 Ambassador Poppeller was appointed Consul General in Krakow, Poland, where she also was Director of the Austrian Cultural Institute. In 2007 she became the Austrian Ambassador to Latvia where she served until summer 2011. Ambassador Poppeller holds a Master's degree in Philology. Before she entered the Austrian Foreign Service she worked as University lecturer at the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea for five years and at the NGO Afro-Asiatic Institute in Vienna for two years.

Arnoldas PRANCKEVIČIUS is Head of the European Commission Representation in Lithuania. Before joining the Commission in October 2016, he spent eleven years at the European Parliament in Brussels, serving, for seven years, as diplomatic adviser to EP Presidents Martin Schulz and Jerzy Buzek and advising them on Russia, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Turkey and Asia. In 2012-2013, Mr. Prankevičius advised Cox-Kwasniewski special mediation mission in Ukraine. He also has the experience of working in the European Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs and with the inter-parliamentary delegations for relations with Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. In 2004-2006, Mr. Prankevičius served as the Domestic Policy Adviser to Lithuania's President Valdas Adamkus. He holds an MA in EU Affairs from Sciences Po Paris and a BA in International Relations from Colgate University, USA. Mr. Prankevičius also studied in Geneva and Washington, DC, as well as at the Journalism Institute of Vilnius University. He briefly worked at the UNESCO, United States Senate and Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty.

Oksana PRODAN is Member of the Ukrainian Parliament. She represents interests of small and medium Ukrainian business in the parliament and is an outspoken promoter of reforms and deregulation in the country for economic growth and sustainable development. In 2008-2010 she chaired the Board of Entrepreneurs under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. In 2010 Ms. Prodan was a co-organizer of the employers' protests against tax pressure of SMEs and then was elected as a Head of the Ukrainian Association of Small and Medium Business. In 2012 she was elected and in 2014 re-elected to the Parliament of Ukraine, where she sits on the Committee on Tax and Customs Policy, and Parliamentary group on Inter-parliamentary Relations with Israel, and serves as representative Chairman of the Association of Ukrainian Cities. She takes the first place among the Verkhovna Rada reformers according to the Reanimation Package of Reforms. Ms. Prodan was born in Chernivtsy, Ukraine. In 1996 she graduated from Chernivtsi State University majoring in International Economics and in Law.

Oleg PROKHORENKO is CEO and Chairman of the Board of UkrGasVydobuvannya (UGV) since June 2015. UGV is Ukraine's largest natural gas producer, with ~15 bcm pa of production (~75% of Ukraine's total), and one of the largest companies in Ukraine. Prior to UGV, Mr. Prokhorenko spent almost 8 years as associate principal, engagement manager and consultant with McKinsey & Company in Kyiv, Ukraine and Dubai, OAE. At McKinsey he worked with largest private companies and significant state institutions in oil and gas, power generation, metals and mining, and public sector on strategy development, operational improvement, and organization restructuring. Mr. Prokhorenko holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Government (with honors) from Dartmouth College.

Ivan PRYMACHENKO is a co-founder of the non-profit Ukrainian massive open online courses platform Prometheus. In that capacity he leads strategy and courses development, manages partnerships and PR relationships. Within last 30 months, Mr. Prymachenko increased the number of registered students to 400,000 and the number of unique visitors to 2,500,000. He also oversaw the launch of more than 50 free courses taught by leading Ukrainian institutions, including Taras Shevchenko, National Technical, and Ukrainian Catholic universities and translation of world's top MOOCs by Harvard and Stanford into Ukrainian. Mr. Prymachenko worked directly with government representatives to launch classes on procurement management taught by Ministry of Economic Development officials. He negotiated and managed relationships with key stakeholders, including the OSCE, Council of Europe, Microsoft Ukraine, and EY Ukraine. In addition, he introduced a national blended learning pilot in collaboration with top Ukrainian universities, making Prometheus courses mandatory and a part of the curriculum at eleven universities. Mr. Prymachenko was awarded People of the New Age Award provided by "Novoye Vremia" Magazine and Kyiv Post Top 30 Under 30 Award in 2016, and Forbes Ukraine 30 Under 30 Award in 2015.

Vadym PRYSTAIKO is the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. He started his public career in 1994 joining the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of Ukraine where he held the posts of Economist, Head of Division, and Deputy Head of the Department of Trade and Economic Relations (Africa, Asia and Pacific Region). In 1997, Ambassador Prystaiko started to work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine as the Deputy Head of Division (Asia and Pacific Region), Fifth Territorial Directorate General. He has extensive diplomatic experience gained when serving as Consul at the Consulate General of Ukraine in Sydney, Australia (2000-2001); Consultant of the Foreign Policy Directorate at the Administration of the President of Ukraine (2001-2002); Political Counselor and Chargé d'Affaires of Ukraine to Canada (2002-2006); Deputy Director of NATO Directorate General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2007-2009), and Minister-Counselor and DCM at the Embassy of Ukraine to the USA (2009-2012). In 2012 he was appointed as the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada and discharged those functions until 2014. Ambassador Prystaiko is a graduate of Kyiv Polytechnic Institute (1994) and also holds a Master's degree from the Ukrainian Academy of Foreign Trade (1998). He is married and has two sons. Ambassador Prystaiko is fluent in English and Russian.

Victoria PTASHNYK is a member of the Ukrainian Parliament, member of the Committee on Economic Policy, member of the Constitution Committee of Ukraine, and of the Judicial Reform Advisory Council under the President of Ukraine. She is a co-founder of the inter-faction group “EuroOptimists”, a group of the newly elected and reform-directed MPs. Prior to being elected to the Parliament, Ms. Ptashnyk had more than ten years of experience in the legal field. As a former antitrust lawyer, she pushes the competition reform in the Parliament. She is an author of parts of the Coalition Agreement, dedicated to the antitrust reform. Ms. Ptashnyk initiated a number of draft laws related to Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, aimed to ensure sound business environment and encourage investments. Ms. Ptashnyk is also involved in constitutional, decentralization, judicial and other major reforms. She is the author of a number of draft laws, designed to solve crucial problems in the IP rights protection and bring world's best corporate governance standards into the Ukrainian legislation. Ms. Ptashnyk closely cooperates with Ukrainian civic, expert and business communities, involving them in law drafting and communication processes on key reforms.

Valery PUSHNYA is with Credit Suisse from March 2010 as a Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income department with responsibility to cover Local Currency EMEA Russia and CIS products range such as Bonds, Rates and FX trading. Mr. Pushnya joined Credit Suisse in March 2010 from Deutsche Bank where he worked as a Managing Director covering Rates and FX trading in Russia and CIS, acting as a Head of Treasury. While being with Deutsche Bank he rebuilt the fixed income business in Russia and CIS after the loss of the whole team to VTB, hired and managed a team of ten responsible for FX, Rates, Bonds and options trading in the region. Team's PNL in 2009 was EUR 270. Prior to this, Mr. Pushnya worked for Merrill Lynch International in the London office in 2007 and 2008 as a Director and Head of Local Markets Trading Russia and CIS. During his work at ML he started Russia FICC business in ML Russia. He hired and managed a team of six, managed FX options book for Russia and CIS and developed local clients business in exotic derivatives. Before that he was with Deutsche Bank in Russia from 2004 as a Director and Head of Local Markets derivatives Russia and CIS. His aim was to start local markets derivatives business for Deutsche Bank and establish them as a premier market maker in RUB FX options which he achieved successfully. He also developed local franchise in options linked structured products and initiated trading in exotic FX derivatives and hybrid structures. Prior to this, Mr. Pushnya worked for two years at NIKOIL in Russia as a Director and a Head of Debt Capital Markets with responsibilities for driving the investment banking arm of Lukoil, Russia's largest oil company, to a premier position in local debt origination: started DCM business in Nikoil with first public debt issues for energy and construction companies and first structured bonds issues on Russian bond market. Previously, Mr. Pushnya worked at VR Capital as Associate Fund Manager and participated in building distressed debt fund. Average annual returns of 100%, fund tripled in size during each of the first two years. He participated as a key player in Ukrainian Eurobonds exchange. Mr. Pushnya started his career in Renaissance Capital Moscow, Russia back in 1998 as Associate at FX options trading on CME, MICEX and Structured trading. Mr. Pushnya graduated in 1992 from the University of Kharkiv with a Master's degree in Physics and Mathematics. After this he finished the University of Maryland, College Park, USA in 1996 with a PhD.

Andriy PYVOVARSKYI was Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine (2014-2016). He was responsible for running global reform aimed at streamlining the operation of all sectors of transport, harmonizing with the European standards, attracting investments and facilitating business interactions in the branch. Before joining the Ukrainian Government in 2014, he worked as the CEO at the Continium holding company where he restructured fuel business of Continium (WOG) and created a holding structure with the consolidation of all assets in Ukraine. Mr. Pyvovarsky worked as the Managing Director of Investment Banking Department at Dragon Capital (2006-2012). Since joining the firm, he actively participated in deals raising more than \$3 billion in equity and debt capital for Ukrainian businesses and government institutions. In 2003-2006 Mr. Pyvovarskyi served as the Investment Officer at the International Finance Corporation where he managed a \$150 million investment portfolio of the IFC in Central and Eastern Europe. Mr. Pyvovarkyi graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with an MA in History in 2000, and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University of Boston with an MA in International Business and Finance in 2003.

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Vladyslav RASHKOVAN is an Alternative Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) representing Ukraine and fourteen other states on the IMF Executive Board. Prior to joining the IMF, Mr. Rashkovan served as Deputy Governor and a Member of the Board of the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) being responsible for the development and implementation of the strategy for the Ukrainian banking sector reforms and a turnaround transformation project within the National Bank of Ukraine. Before joining the NBU in 2014, Mr. Rashkovan spent eight years working with the UniCredit Group, holding the position of CFO and Deputy CEO of UniCredit Bank Ukraine. Previously, in 2000, Mr. Rashkovan served as a strategic consultant in M&A field. Mr. Rashkovan has been widely engaged in non-profit activities having co-chaired the Banking and Financial Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine in 2010-2013 and having set on the Board of the Kyiv School of Economics in 2012-2014. He graduated from the Banking Department of the Odessa State Economic University in 2000 and later was a researcher at the University of Genova (Italy) and the Institute of the World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Science (Hungary).

Ernst REICHEL is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ukraine since August 2016. He was born in 1960 in Lagos, Nigeria. He studied Law at the University of Bonn from which he received a Doctorate. In 1988, Dr. Reichel joined the German Foreign Service. His first assignment abroad took him to Leningrad (St. Petersburg) in 1990. From 1992 to 1996 he occupied the position of a political desk officer for Russia. From 1996, Ambassador Reichel served for three years the German Permanent Representation to the United Nations in New York. Following this he worked in the International Law Division of the German Foreign Office. From 2000 to 2003 he was the Deputy Head of Division for EU Policy and Institutional Issues. Then Dr. Reichel served as Deputy Director in the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General. In 2007 he started to head the Division for Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and Eastern Partnership in the German Foreign Office. In 2011 he became Ambassador in Pristina, Kosovo. In 2013 Ambassador Reichel was assigned the post of Special Envoy for South Eastern Europe, Turkey and the EFTA states.

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Sir **Malcolm Leslie RIFKIND** KCMG QC is a British politician who served in various roles as a cabinet minister under Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major. He became a member of the Cabinet in 1986 as Secretary of State for Scotland. In 1992 he was appointed Secretary of State for Defence, and in 1995-97 he held the post of Foreign Secretary. He was one of only four ministers to serve throughout the terms of Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major. In 1997 he was knighted in recognition of his public service. Sir Malcolm served as UK representative on the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group 2010-2011 and as Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament, which provides oversight of the UK's intelligence agencies from 2010 until 2015. He is currently a member of the OSCE's Eminent Persons Group which is to report on relations between Russia and the West. Sir Malcolm has also served a Visiting Professor at King's College, London, since 2015.

Lord RISBY is the Chairman of the British Ukrainian Society. He was elected as the Conservative MP for Bury St. Edmunds in 1992-1997, for West Suffolk in 1997-2010, and raised to the peerage in 2010. Lord Risby was appointed by David Cameron, at first, as the Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party & Co-Chairman of the Conservative City Circle in 2005-2010 and later as the Prime Ministerial Trade Envoy for Algeria Governor from the end of 2012 until present. He acted as the Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy in 2003-2009 and as the Co-Chairman of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Ukraine in 2012-2014. As for his prior parliamentary career, Lord Risby was the Deputy Chairman of the Small Business Bureau & Chairman of the Small Business Bureau Parliamentary Advisory Group (1995), Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Northern Ireland Office at the Department of Trade & Industry and at the Ministry of Defense (1993-1997), Shadow Frontbench Spokesman for Culture, Media & Sport (appointed 1997), Shadow Minister for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs (2000-2004), Shadow Minister for Financial Services (2004) and Shadow Paymaster General (thereafter until December 2005). Prior to this, he was also the VP of Merrill Lynch (1976-1986), Deputy MD of E F Hutton Int'l Assoc. (1986), Executive Director of Shearson Lehman Hutton (1988) and MD of Furman Selz (1989). Lord Risby studied at Cape Town University, Rondebosch, and subsequently at the Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, where he received an MA in Economics.

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Maryna STAVNIICHUK is a lawyer. She served as a Member of European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) (2009-2013). Ms. Stavniichuk holds a Candidate of Juridical Science and has been awarded the Honored Lawyer of Ukraine. In 1999 she was appointed as a Member of the Central Election Commission, and then was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Central Election Commission. In 2007 she became the Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine – Presidential Representative to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and to the Central Election Commission, and worked as Head of the Main Office of the Constitutional and Legal Modernization of the Presidential Administration. Since 2012 to 2014, Ms. Stavniichuk has been a Head of the Coordination Council for Development of Civil Society, Secretary of the Constitutional Assembly. In 2014 she founded NGO “For Democracy through Law” the main goal of which is to promote the development and establishment of the Ukrainian state based on the rule of law. She was Deputy Chairman of the Union of Lawyers of Ukraine, and since October 2016 worked as Vice-President of the International Charitable Fund of Lawyers of Ukraine. In 2017 Ms. Stavniichuk was elected as Vice-President of the World Congress of Ukrainian Lawyers. She is the author of more than seventy scholarly works in the field of constitutional law as well as comparative constitutional law.

Andrey STAVNITSER is Chief Executive Officer of the largest port in Ukraine, TIS Group of terminals, since 2007. He started his career with TIS in 2001 as an assistant to the chief dispatcher and afterwards held various positions in different divisions of the company. He is also a co-founder of TIS together with his brother and two other partners. With TIS being the core business, Mr. Stavnitser has launched and runs a number of other business and social projects. In 2014 he was granted an exequatur of Honorary Consul of Austria in Odessa Region by the President of Austria. In 2015, during the war, crisis and absence of financing, Mr. Stavnitser and his team signed a deal with Cargill to build a four-million-ton grain terminal with EBRD/IFC aboard. The project costs over 150 million USD. Mr. Stavnitser studied Commerce in Harrow House School, United Kingdom. He obtained a degree in International Business from the University Montana, Zug, Switzerland, and a degree in Executive MBA from HCMS French Institute, Moscow. He also holds a degree in Management from Mechnikov Odessa National University, Ukraine.

Dominique STRAUSS-KAHN, now Managing Partner of Parnasse International, is the 10th Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (2007-2011). Previously, he served as a member of the French National Assembly and Professor of Economics at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris (2000-2007). He began his career as an Assistant Professor and later became a Professor of Economics at the University of Paris. Then, Dr. Strauss-Kahn was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of the Economic Planning Agency (1981-1986). Afterwards, he was elected for the first time to the National Assembly in 1986 and chaired the Finance Standing Committee of the House from 1988 to 1991. Dr. Strauss-Kahn has served as Minister of Industry and International Trade in the Cresson (1991-1992) and Beregovoy (1992-1993) cabinets. In 1995, he was elected as Mayor of the city of Sarcelles. From June 1997 to November 1999 Dr. Strauss-Kahn served as Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry of France in Jospin's cabinet. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris. He also obtained degrees in Law (Paris X), Business Administration (HEC), Political Studies (IEP "Sciences Po", Paris) and Statistics (Institut de statistiques Paris VI).

Carl STURÉN is a Swedish investor in Ukraine, Founder and President of “Chumak” and “Vindkraft Ukraina”. In 1996, Swedish entrepreneurs Carl Sturén and Johan Bodén founded a food processing company “Chumak” in Southern Ukraine. Today “Chumak” is one of the country’s biggest food producers and a symbol of the Western investment success in Ukraine. In 2010, Mr. Sturén co-founded the company “Green Team”, which is the biggest vegetable cooling storage in Eastern Europe. In 2009, Mr. Sturén and his partners founded Vindkraft Ukraina, a Ukraine-based wind power development and investment company. Since 2000, Carl Sturén has been the Honorary Consul of Sweden in Ukraine.

Shigeki SUMI is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ukraine. Ambassador Sumi was born in Yokohama, Japan in June, 1953. In March 1977 he graduated from Hitotsubashi University, Department of Commerce and Management and later in July 1980 he received a Diploma of Social Studies from Oxford University. Ambassador Sumi began his professional career in April 1977, when he entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. There he held various positions serving as Director of Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau (Aug 1993), Director at International Peace Cooperation Division, Foreign Policy Bureau (Feb 1994), Director of Oceania Division, European and Oceania Affairs Bureau (Feb 1996). In August 1997 he was appointed as Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva. Since July 2000 he was a Counselor of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand and from January 2001 a Minister of the same Embassy. Later in May 2003 he was a Deputy Director-General, Multilateral Cooperation Division. In September 2005 Ambassador Sumi was appointed as Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna, while being a Board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In August 2008 he headed the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. During 2009-2011 and 2013-2014 he was a Member of UN Committee on Contributions. Ambassador Sumi was decorated by an Order of Crown of Thailand, First Class in 2003 and Order of Bahrain, First Class in 2013.

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Artem SYTNYK is the Director of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine. He personally investigated, or led investigation teams working on, more than 300 criminal proceedings initiated mostly regarding corruption-related crimes. Mr. Sytnyk started his career in 2001 as a district attorney assistant in Lenynskiy District, Kropyvnytsky (the former city of Kirovohrad) and later became an investigator. In April 2004, he was first appointed as a senior investigator of the Prosecutor's Office in Kirovohrad oblast, and, in October 2006, as the Head of Investigation Division in the Prosecutor's Office. In August 2008, Mr. Sytnyk was transferred to the Kyiv oblast Prosecutor's Office as Head of Investigation Division. In August 2011, he resigned because of his objections to the policies of the Yanukovich regime, criminalisation of law enforcement agencies, rollback in the fight against corruption, total incompetence and political bias on the part of the then Prosecutor General in Kyiv oblast. Having successfully passed the bar exam, Mr. Sytnyk practiced law from October 2011 to April 2015 and headed the "Legal Guarantees" law firm. His investigation team effectively brought to justice many judges and officials of the Security Service of Ukraine, internal affairs agencies, tax police, boarder guard services, district state administrations, oblast councils, city councils, district councils, State Committees on land resources and water management, State Inspection on consumer rights protection, State Penitentiary Service and State Ecological Inspection for accepting bribes and committing other corruption-related crimes.

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Yulia TYMOSHENKO is the leader of “Batkivshchyna” political party and a former Prime Minister of Ukraine. In the end of 1996, Ms. Tymoshenko was elected to the Parliament of Ukraine for the first time. In 1999, she founded and chaired the All-Ukrainian Union Batkivshchyna. On December 30, 1999, Ms. Tymoshenko was appointed Deputy Prime Minister on fuel and energy issues. On February 13, 2001 she was arrested. The arrest was generally viewed as a punishment for her pro-democratic activity. In March 2001, the Kyiv Pecherskyi Court found the accusations to be groundless and released her. In November 2004, Ms. Tymoshenko became one of the leaders of the Orange Revolution, a democratic popular uprising in Ukraine that broke out as a protest against the rigged presidential elections. On February 4, 2005, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appointed Ms. Tymoshenko as the Prime Minister with the record 373 votes. In July 2005, the Forbes magazine named Prime Minister Tymoshenko the third most influential woman in the world. In 2007, she was awarded the Prize for Courage Politique by the Sorbonne Association de Politique Etrangere et Politique Internationale.

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