

(Failing to) Fake Out the IMF

Relations with the IMF have become a real headache for the presidential administration. Ukraine's creditors have made it clear that an independent anti-corruption court is a must. The president's office has tried to circumvent that demand, by submitting a bill to the Verkhovna Rada that set unrealistic requirements for the candidates, hoping this would derail the process. But the IMF openly criticized this stance, in a letter leaked to the public, and asked that the unrealistic requirements be withdrawn. Moreover, the IMF insisted that a body independent of all Ukrainian authorities—the Public Council of International Experts — take the lead in selecting the judges>>>

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