



UKRAINE'S NEW CONSTITUTION: *EXCERPTS*

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Ukraine's new Constitution was adopted by the Supreme Rada on 28 June 1996, and complete copies, in English or Ukrainian, are now available on the INTERNET (or to subscribers by contacting the Monitor). The Constitution has already begun to govern all aspects of life in Ukraine and will impact the way foreigners, among them Canadians, must deal with Ukraine.

The version is the unofficial translation by the Council of Advisors to the Parliament of Ukraine, commissioned by the Secretariat of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine, which includes the following chapters, some of which are excerpted:

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 3

- An individual, their life and health, honour and dignity, inviolability and security are recognized in Ukraine as the highest social value.
- Individual rights and freedoms and the guarantee thereof determine the essence and aims of the activity of the State. The State is accountable before the individual for its activity. The establishment and maintenance of individual rights and freedoms is the main duty of the State.

ARTICLE 13

- The land, its minerals, atmosphere, water, and other natural resources which are within the territory of Ukraine, the natural resources of its continental shelf, the exclusive (maritime) economic zone, are the property of the Ukrainian nation. Ownership rights shall be asserted on behalf of Ukrainian nation by organs of state authority and organs of local self-government within the limits prescribed by this Constitution.

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Ceremonial signing of Ukraine's new Constitution by President Leonid Kuchma as Parliamentarians and guests look on.

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