**Information about the level of ensuring the right to education, in particular,**

**access to the realization of a such right**

According to the first part of Article 1 of the Law of Ukraine "On Education", everyone has the right to quality and affordable education. The right to education includes the right to receive education throughout life, the right to access to education, the right to free education in the cases and procedures specified by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

***Complete general secondary education***

In accordance with the third part of Article 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On CompleteGeneral Secondary Education", every citizen of Ukraine, other persons who are inUkraine on legal grounds, as well as every child, regardless of the reasons for their stayin Ukraine, are guaranteed free education in state and communal institutions fullgeneral secondary education at each level at the expense of the state and local budgetsonce in a lifetime.

According to the second part of Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine "On Education", the second part of Article 7 of the Law of Ukraine "On Complete General Secondary Education", equal conditions of access to education are created in Ukraine. No one can be limited in the right to education. The right to education is guaranteed regardless of age, sex, race, state of health, disability, citizenship, nationality, political, religious, or other beliefs, skin color, place of residence, language of communication, origin, social and property status, criminal record as well as other circumstances and signs. The state creates conditions for the acquisition of education by persons with special educational needs, taking into account individual needs, opportunities, abilities and interests, and also ensures the identification and elimination of factors that prevent the realization of rights and satisfaction of the needs of such persons in the field of education.

According to Article 32 of the Law of Ukraine "On Complete General Secondary Education", a network of general secondary education institutions is formed taking into account the socio-economic and demographic situation, as well as in accordance with the cultural, educational and other needs of the territorial community and/or society.

***Ensuring the educational rights of indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine representatives to study in their native language or to learn their native language*** is carried out in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Education", theLaw of Ukraine "On Preschool Education", the Law of Ukraine "On Complete GeneralSecondary Education", the Law of Ukraine "On the ratification of the FrameworkConvention of the Council of Europe on the Protection of National Minorities", theLaw of Ukraine "On the Ratification of the European Charter of Regional Languagesor Minority Languages", international treaties, the binding consent of which was givenby the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The educational institutions network of all forms and types of ownership is

functioning to ensure the right to education in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities and the study these languages. At the beginning of the 2021/2022 academic year in general secondary education institutions, training was carried out in:

grades 1-4 - in Ukrainian and 9 languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine (Bulgarian, Crimean Tatar, Moldovan, German, Polish, Russian, Romanian, Slovak, Hungarian);

grades 5-11 - in Ukrainian and 5 languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities (Moldovan, German, Polish, Russian, Romanian, Hungarian).

In addition, more than 30 languages, including languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities, were studied as an independent subject. At the beginning of 2021/2022, 119,618 students studied in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities in 5,727 classes of 624 general secondary education institutions of all forms of ownership, in particular:

Bulgarian – 41 students;

Crimean Tatar – 69 students;

Moldovan – 2,293 students;

Polish – 950 students;

Russian – 82,700 students;

Romanian – 15,534 students;

Slovak – 128 students;

Hungarian – 17,733 students;

German – 170 students.

Educational institutions and local education management bodies pay special attention to access to education for Roma children. Expanding access opportunities for persons belonging to the Roma national minority to quality education is determined by the Strategy for Facilitating the Realization of the Rights and Opportunities of Persons Belonging to the Roma National Minority in Ukrainian Society for the Period Until 2030, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (Decree of the CMU of July 28, 2021 № 866).

For classes taught in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities, the state educational standards and typical educational programs provide for a separate basic and typical curriculum, as well as a list of model educational programs in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities.

In accordance with these documents, in 2021, 17 model curricula for the languages and literatures of indigenous peoples and national minorities were created for basic secondary education.

Provision of textbooks for students and teaching staff is carried out at the expense of the State Budget of Ukraine. From 2012 to 2021, textbooks for general secondary education institutions with classes taught in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities were issued in the amount of UAH 389,573 million were issued. In 2021, textbooks for grades 4th and 8th in the amount of UAH 43,624 million were issued, in particular:

from native languages and literatures (Bulgarian, Gagauz, Hebrew, Crimean Tatar, Moldavian, Modern Greek, Polish, Russian, Romanian, Hungarian), Ukrainian language and literature and translated into relevant languages. Electronic versions of textbooks on the languages and literatures of indigenous peoples and national minorities (grades 1-11) are available free of charge on the official website of the State Scientific Institution "Institute of Modernization of the Content of Education" of the Ministry of Education and Science. For classes taught in the languages of indigenous peoples and national minorities, teaching staff are trained by institutions of higher education (hereinafter - HEIs) in the specialties:

"035 Philology", "014 Secondary Education" in 64 HEIs (beginning of 2021):

Bulgarian language – 63 students (5 HEIs);

Crimean Tatar language – 58 students of education (2 HEIs);

Moldovan/Romanian languages– 67 students (3 HEIs);

modern Greek language – 100 students (4 HEIs);

Polish language – 858 students (17 HEIs);

Russian language – 1285 students (26 HEIs);

Slovak language – 50 students of education (2 HEIs);

Hungarian language – 140 students (3 HEIs);

Hebrew – 38 students (2 HEIs).

***Education of persons with special educational needs, including inclusive education.***

As of December 21, 2022, there were functioning the following institutions in Ukraine: 25,353 inclusive classes of general secondary education institutions, in which 39,464 students with special educational needs receive their education; 4,520 inclusive groups of preschool education institutions in which 7,683 pupils with special needs receive their education; 285 special institutions of general secondary education (special schools and educational and rehabilitation centers), in which 35,499 students with disabilities study and receive rehabilitation services (9,069 students live in boarding houses of educational institutions); 667 inclusive resource centers. In order to ensure the conditions for the training of persons with special needs during the war, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted the Resolution № 483 of April 26, 2022 amended the Procedure for the Organization of Inclusive Education in Preschool Education Institutions and the Procedure for the Organization of Inclusive Education in General Secondary Education Institutions. In particular, during the period of martial law, opportunities for organizing inclusive education were expanded.

The procedure for enrolling persons with special needs for training based on a copy of an identity document (if available) and a conclusion has been simplified. Methodological recommendations have been developed for determining the categories (types) of special educational needs in preschool children (letter of the Ministry of Education and Science dated 06.08.2022 № 4/1196-22). As a result of military operations, 99 IRCs remained in the temporarily occupied territories, destroyed, or damaged.

To effective operation of the preserved IRC network, by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Regulation on the Inclusive Resource Center" dated 04/29/2022 № 493, the IRC capabilities have been increased for the period of martial law. Additional guarantees have been provided for internally displaced persons with special educational needs, in particular for conducting a comprehensive assessment, providing psychological and pedagogical support and receiving correctional and developmental services, the possibility of using documents from the mobile application "Diya" has been provided. IRCs can provide recommendations on the organization of the educational process for children who have experienced psychological trauma, and actions aimed at preventing the aggravation of psychological trauma.

4 seminars were held by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to strengthen the capacity of the IRC and improve the qualifications of IRC specialists with the support of the International Institute of Education of McGill University (Canada), the National Psychological Association of Ukraine and the "Support a Child" project.

Resolution № 979 of the Cabinet of Ministers dated August 30, 2022 "On Amendments to the Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Activities of Special General Secondary Education Institutions" made a number of changes to the activities of special educational institutions during the war period, provided for the possibility of creating mixed and inclusive classes, provision of correctional and developmental and psychological and pedagogical services for the variable contingent on their basis.

Resolution № 972 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated August 30, 2022 "On Amendments to the State Standard of Basic Secondary Education" expanded the capabilities of special education institutions to provide correctional developmental and psychological-pedagogical services for some categories of students.

***Ensuring the educational rights of children who were forced to change their***

***place of study and/or residence or located in the occupied territories.***

All children who were forced to change their place of study and/or residence orare in occupied territories can continue their studies in general secondary educationinstitutions located in the territory where hostilities are not taking place, remotely orexternally.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, by Order № 274 dated28.03.2022 "On some issues of the organization of general secondary education andthe educational process under the conditions of martial law in Ukraine", instructed thegoverning bodies in the field of education of local executive bodies and local self government bodies under whose authority institutions of general secondary education,to ensure and organize the enrollment of students of general secondary education whowere forced to change their place of study and/or residence (residence) and live (are)in Ukraine or outside Ukraine, to institutions of education and obtaining generalsecondary education for any in what form, what the educational institution can provideand what is the safest for them.

In order to ensure the continuity of education of Ukrainian general secondaryeducation graduates who were forced to go abroad as a result of Russian aggression,the following options have been implemented:

1) the child can continue to study at the educational institution in which he or she studied before going abroad by distance education (provided that the educational institution provides such an educational service);

2) if the educational institution where the child studied before going abroad cannot provide remote education for the child, then the child can continue studying according to the state educational standards of Ukraine in other educational institutions of Ukraine of state, communal or private ownership that provide online education;

3) students can continue their studies in the family (home) form both in the educational institution in which she studied before leaving abroad, and in another educational institution on the territory of Ukraine;

4) students can be enrolled in the State Lyceum "International Ukrainian School", which provides part-time education. Educators are assessed according to an individual curriculum and prepared for it in educational centers operating under Ukrainian public organizations/associations;

5) students can attend educational classes that will be held face-to-face (for example, on weekends) according to state standards and educational programs of Ukraine, organized on the initiative of public organizations of Ukrainians in certain countries with the assistance of the education management bodies of these countries and local authorities.

Access to educational materials for children and teachers, including those who are abroad, is free. The information is posted on the website of the State Scientific Institution "Institute of Modernization of the Content of Education" of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

***Vocational education and training***

According to Article 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On Vocational (Vocational andTechnical) Education", citizens of Ukraine have equal rights to obtain vocational(vocational-technical) education in accordance with their abilities and inclinations.Restrictions are allowed based on medical and age indicators, as well as indicators ofprofessional fitness determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.Vocational (vocational and technical) education is obtained by citizens of Ukrainein state and communal VET institutions free of charge, at the expense of the state, andin state and communal accredited vocational institutions and vocational educationcenters - within the limits of the state and/or or regional order free of charge, on acompetitive basis.

In 2022, the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Vocational (Vocational and Technical) Education" regarding certain aspects of training skilled workers in conditions of martial law and economic recovery" amended Article 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On Vocational (Vocational and Technical) Education") education", according to which individuals have the right to obtain full or partial professional qualifications without simultaneously obtaining a full general secondary education, which they can obtain free of charge at any other time during their life by any form of education. In addition, free acquisition of a second labor profession is provided for, but not earlier than three years after the completion of free of charge vocational (vocational and technical) education in the previously acquired profession (professions), provided there is a confirmed insurance experience of at least two years and there are free places after enrolling persons who will acquire vocational (vocational and technical) education free of charge for the first time. Until the end of the three-year period and/or in the absence of confirmed insurance experience of at least two years, a person has the right to obtain vocational (vocational and technical) education in another profession free of charge, if due to health conditions he has lost the opportunity to perform work in the previously acquired profession, which is confirmed by the opinion of the medical and social expert commission, or if a request is submitted for urgent provision of the needs of the state (region) in the training of the necessary qualified workers under the conditions of the state (regional) order, or in other cases provided for by law.

Students and teaching staff of VET institutions can use the right to academicmobility within the limits defined by Articles 52 and 53 of the Law of Ukraine "OnVocational (Vocational and Technical) Education" and in accordance with theProcedure for realizing the right to academic mobility, approved by Resolution № 579of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated August 12, 2015, as amended byResolution № 599 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated May 13, 2022.The Regulation on the internal academic mobility of vocational (vocational andtechnical) students during martial law was approved (order of the Ministry ofEducation and Science of Ukraine dated 03/26/2022 № 273, registered in the Ministryof Justice of Ukraine on 04/20/2022 under № 437/37773). Every student, regardless ofthe actual place of stay within Ukraine, has the opportunity to study at any VETinstitution (provided there is training in the relevant profession).Amendments have been made to the Standard Rules for Admission to VET institutions of Ukraine (order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukrainedated 10.06.2022 № 541, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 07.09.2022under № 1021/38357). It is possible to submit documents for admission to avocational (vocational and technical) education institution through the electronic officeand, in the absence of educational documents, to submit an extract from the Registerof Educational Documents of the EDEBO.

***Professional pre-higher, higher education***

According to Part 3 of Article 53 of the Constitution of Ukraine, citizens have theright to obtain higher education free of charge in state and communal educationalinstitutions on a competitive basis.In order to fulfill the provisions of Article 23 of the Constitution of Ukraine, whichguarantee a person's right to the free development of his/her personality, in accordancewith the first part of Article 53 of the Constitution of Ukraine, the state also ensures ***the availability of higher education***, various forms of education, the provision of statescholarships and benefits to students. The availability of higher education in state andmunicipal educational institutions consists in the creation by the state of appropriateconditions for their functioning and development, under which a person would be ableto exercise his right to obtain higher education on the basis of competitive selection,taking into account his abilities and interests in freely choosing a higher educationinstitution and specialties.

Access to higher education for vulnerable categories of persons is ensured inaccordance with part three of Article 44 of the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education",namely, orphans, children, deprived of parental care, persons from among them,persons recognized by law as participants in hostilities and other vulnerable categoriesof persons. In addition, certain categories of persons specified in Article 15 of the Lawof Ukraine "On Higher Education" are provided with ***state targeted support*** forobtaining higher education in the form of: full or partial payment of tuition at theexpense of state and local budgets, preferential long-term loans for obtainingeducation, social scholarships, free provision of textbooks, free access to the Internet,database systems in state and communal educational institutions, free accommodationin a dormitory, other measures approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.According to Article 12 of the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education", studentsof higher education institutions also have the right to safe and harmless conditions ofstudy, work and life, work outside of school hours, academic mobility, includinginternational mobility, receiving social assistance in cases established by law, thechoice of academic disciplines within the limits stipulated by the relevant educationalprogram and curriculum, in the amount of at least 25% of the total number of ECTScredits provided for this level of higher education and others.

***Regarding the implementation of the choice of specialty by applicants***, at the second (master's) and third (educational and scientific) levels of higher education, institutions of higher education can develop interdisciplinary educational and scientific programs in two or three specialties belonging to one or different fields of knowledge. Interdisciplinary – extended – educational programs can be developed at the initial level (short cycle) of higher education. The introduction of such programs within a short cycle contributes to the education seeker making a conscious further choice of specialty for continuing education. At the second and third levels of education, such programs will open new professional and academic rights to future specialists and contribute to increasing the competitiveness of the national higher education system as a whole. The requirements for interdisciplinary educational (scientific) programs are approved by the relevant order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine of February 1, 2021 № 128, registered as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation, the system of higher education was forced to adapt quickly. Due to the presence of a complex of guaranteed rights, as well as the existing autonomy of higher education institutions, such adaptation became possible.

***The potential for the realization of the right of professional pre-higher and*** ***higher education applicants to academic mobility*** is implemented in accordance with the relevant procedure approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution № 579 dated 08/12/2015. Students of higher education who, as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation, were forced to move to the territory of the EU, had the opportunity to continue their studies in other professional pre-higher and higher education institutions directly or remotely, exercising their right to academic (credit) mobility. This form provides wide opportunities for applicants who, being moved from the territory of hostilities to the EU countries, can continue their studies remotely, using: internal academic mobility - being participants in the educational process in professional pre-higher, higher education institutions within Ukraine (mainly in the western regions); external academic mobility - as participants in the educational process in professional pre-higher, higher education institutions in the EU.

***The right of the student to choose an individual learning trajectory*** has been expanded based on the possibility of recognition of non-formal education, which is carried out in accordance with the Procedure approved by the order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated 08.02.2022 № 130 "On approval of the Procedure for recognition in higher and professional pre-higher education of learning results obtained through non-formal and/or informal education", registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on March 16, 2022 under № 328/37664.

***The student's right to choose the form of education, as well as the autonomy of higher education institutions*** (the right to independently determine the forms ofeducation and the forms of organization of the educational process) allowed them toadequately adapt to the changing situation during the military aggression of the RussianFederation. In accordance with the security situation, the possibility of providing safeconditions (availability of shelter) for the training of applicants, the institutionsthemselves determined the form of education of applicants - distance, face-to-face ormixed.