



## **CONSTITUTION OF GROZOVIA**

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The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, on behalf of the Grozovian people - citizens of Grozovia of all nationalities,

expressing the sovereign will of the people,

based on the centuries-old history of Grozovian state-building and on the right to self-determination realized by the Grozovian nation, all the Grozovian people,

providing for the guarantee of human rights and freedoms and of the worthy conditions of human life,

caring for the strengthening of civil harmony on Grozovian soil, and confirming the European identity of the Grozovian people and the irreversibility of the European and Euro-Atlantic course of Grozovia,

striving to develop and strengthen a democratic, social, law-based state,

aware of responsibility before God, our own conscience, past, present and future generations,

guided by the Act of Declaration of the Independence of Grozovia of August 24, 1991, approved by the national vote on December 1, 1991,

adopts this Constitution - the Fundamental Law of Grozovia.

## **Chapter I General Principles**

### **Article 1**

Grozovia is a sovereign and independent, democratic, social, law-based state.

### **Article 2**

The sovereignty of Grozovia extends throughout its entire territory. Grozovia is a unitary state.

The territory of Grozovia within its present border is indivisible and inviolable.

### **Article 3**

The human being, his or her life and health, honour and dignity, inviolability and security are recognised in Grozovia as the highest social value.

Human rights and freedoms and their guarantees determine the essence and orientation of the activity of the State. The State is answerable to the individual for its activity. To affirm and ensure human rights and freedoms is the main duty of the State.

### **Article 4**

There is single citizenship in Grozovia. The grounds for the acquisition and termination of Grozovian citizenship are determined by law.

### **Article 5**

Grozovia is a republic.

The people are the bearers of sovereignty and the only source of power in Grozovia. The people exercise power directly and through bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government.

The right to determine and change the constitutional order in Grozovia belongs exclusively to the people and shall not be usurped by the State, its bodies or officials.

No one shall usurp state power.

## **Article 6**

State power in Grozovia is exercised on the principles of its division into legislative, executive and judicial power.

Bodies of legislative, executive and judicial power exercise their authority within the limits established by this Constitution and in accordance with the laws of Grozovia.

## **Article 7**

In Grozovia, local self-government is recognised and guaranteed.

## **Article 8**

In Grozovia, the principle of the rule of law is recognised and effective.

The Constitution of Grozovia has the highest legal force. Laws and other normative legal acts are adopted on the basis of the Constitution of Grozovia and shall conform to it.

The norms of the Constitution of Grozovia are norms of direct effect. Appeals to the court in defence of the constitutional human and citizen's rights and freedoms directly on the grounds of the Constitution of Grozovia are guaranteed.

## **Article 9**

International treaties that are in force, agreed to be binding by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, are part of the national legislation of Grozovia.

The conclusion of international treaties that contravene the Constitution of Grozovia is possible only after introducing relevant amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia.

## **Article 10**

The state language of Grozovia is the Grozovian language.

The State ensures the comprehensive development and functioning of the Grozovian language in all spheres of social life throughout the entire territory of

Grozovia.

In Grozovia, the free development, use and protection of Russian, and other languages of national minorities of Grozovia, is guaranteed.

The State promotes the learning of languages of international communication.

The use of languages in Grozovia is guaranteed by the Constitution of Grozovia and is determined by law.

### **Article 11**

The State promotes the consolidation and development of the Grozovian nation, its historical consciousness, traditions and culture, and also the development of the ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious identity of all indigenous peoples and national minorities of Grozovia.

### **Article 12**

Grozovia provides for the satisfaction of national and cultural, and linguistic needs of Grozovians residing beyond the borders of the State.

### **Article 13**

The land, its subsoil, atmosphere, water and other natural resources within the territory of Grozovia, the natural resources of its continental shelf, and the exclusive (maritime) economic zone, are objects of the right of property of the Grozovian people. Ownership rights on behalf of the Grozovian people are exercised by bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government within the limits determined by this Constitution.

Every citizen has the right to make use of the natural objects of the people's right of property in accordance with the law.

Property entails responsibility. Property shall not be used to the detriment of the person and society.

The State ensures the protection of the rights of all subjects of the right of property and economic management, and the social orientation of the economy. All subjects of the right of property are equal before the law.

### **Article 14**

Land is the fundamental national wealth that is under special state protection.

The right of property to land is guaranteed. This right is acquired and realised by citizens, legal persons and the State, exclusively in accordance with the law.

### **Article 15**

Social life in Grozovia is based on the principles of political, economic and ideological diversity.

No ideology shall be recognised by the State as mandatory.

Censorship is prohibited.

The State guarantees freedom of political activity not prohibited by the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

### **Article 16**

To ensure ecological safety and to maintain the ecological balance on the territory of Grozovia, and to preserve the gene pool of the Grozovian people, is the duty of the State.

### **Article 17**

To protect the sovereignty and territorial indivisibility of Grozovia, and to ensure its economic and informational security are the most important functions of the State and a matter of concern for all the Grozovian people.

The defence of Grozovia, the protection of its sovereignty, territorial indivisibility and inviolability, are entrusted to the Armed Forces of Grozovia.

Ensuring state security and protecting the state border of Grozovia are entrusted to the respective military units and law enforcement bodies of the State, organisation and operational procedure of which are determined by law.

The Armed Forces of Grozovia and other military units shall not be used by anyone to restrict the rights and freedoms of citizens or with the intent to overthrow the constitutional order, subvert the bodies of power or obstruct their activity.

The State ensures the social protection of citizens of Grozovia who serve in the Armed Forces of Grozovia and in other military units as well as of members of their families.

The creation and operation of any armed units not envisaged by law are prohibited on the territory of Grozovia.

The location of foreign military bases shall not be permitted on the territory of Grozovia.

### **Article 18**

The foreign political activity of Grozovia is aimed at ensuring its national interests and security by maintaining peaceful and mutually beneficial co-operation with members of the international community, according to generally acknowledged principles and norms of international law.

### **Article 19**

The legal order in Grozovia is based on the principles whereby no one shall be forced to do what is not envisaged by legislation.

Bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government and their officials are obliged to act only on the grounds, within the limits of authority, and in the manner envisaged by the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

### **Article 20**

The state symbols of Grozovia are the State Flag of Grozovia, the State Coat of Arms of Grozovia and the State Anthem of Grozovia.

The national flag of Grozovia consists of three primary colors, blue – green & red, divided equally along the fess. The charge in the center includes a traditional Grozovian two-headed eagle holding a shield displaying the symbol of Sventovit, the slavic god of war. Blue represents the winding rivers which provided us with fertile land and allowed our civilization to blossom. Green represents the Solveka Mountains which acted as a natural barrier to our enemies and allowed our people the opportunity to thrive. Red represents the blood of Grozovians, a reminder that their sacrifice should never be in vain.

The national emblem, or coat of arms, is steeped in Grozovian heraldry and closely resembles the 12th-century arms of Duke Zdenko Stasov. The emblem features a traditional Grozovian two-headed eagle on a green field, holding the symbol of Sventovit, the slavic god of war.

The State Anthem of Grozovia is the national anthem set to the music of M. Verbytskyi, with words that are confirmed by the law adopted by no less than two thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The description of the state symbols of Grozovia and the procedure for their use shall be established by the law adopted by no less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The capital of Grozovia is the City of Zagorsk.

## **Chapter II**

### **Human and Citizen's Rights, Freedoms and Duties**

#### **Article 21**

All people are free and equal in their dignity and rights.

Human rights and freedoms are inalienable and inviolable.

#### **Article 22**

Human and citizen's rights and freedoms enshrined by this Constitution are not exhaustive.

Constitutional rights and freedoms are guaranteed and shall not be abolished.

The content and scope of existing rights and freedoms shall not be diminished in the adoption of new laws or in the amendment of laws that are in force.

#### **Article 23**

Every person has the right to free development of his or her personality if the rights and freedoms of other persons are not violated thereby, and has duties before the society in which free and comprehensive development of his or her personality is ensured.

#### **Article 24**

Citizens have equal constitutional rights and freedoms and are equal before the law.

There shall be no privileges or restrictions based on race, colour of skin, political, religious and other beliefs, sex, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, linguistic or other characteristics.

Equality of the rights of women and men is ensured: by providing women with opportunities equal to those of men, in public and political, and cultural activity, in obtaining education and in professional training, in work and its remuneration; by special measures for the protection of work and health of women; by establishing pension privileges, by creating conditions that allow women to combine work and motherhood; by legal protection, material and moral support of motherhood and

childhood, granting paid leaves and other privileges to pregnant women and mothers inclusive.

### **Article 25**

A citizen of Grozovia shall not be deprived of citizenship and of the right to change citizenship.

A citizen of Grozovia shall not be expelled from Grozovia or extradited to another state.

Grozovia guarantees care and protection to its citizens who stay beyond its borders.

### **Article 26**

Foreigners and stateless persons who are in Grozovia on legal grounds enjoy the same rights and freedoms and also bear the same duties as citizens of Grozovia, with the exceptions established by the Constitution, laws or international treaties of Grozovia.

Foreigners and stateless persons may be granted asylum by the procedure established by law.

### **Article 27**

Every person has the inalienable right to life.

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of life. The duty of the State is to protect human life.

Everyone has the right to protect his or her life and health, the lives and health of other persons against unlawful encroachments.

### **Article 28**

Everyone has the right to respect of his or her dignity.

No one shall be subjected to torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment that violates his or her dignity.

No person shall be subjected to medical, scientific or other experiments without his or her free consent.

## **Article 29**

Every person has the right to freedom and personal inviolability.

No one shall be arrested or held in custody other than pursuant to a substantiated court decision and only on the grounds and in accordance with the procedure established by law.

In the event of an urgent necessity to prevent or stop a crime, bodies authorised by law may hold a person in custody as a temporary preventive measure, the reasonable grounds for which shall be verified by a court within seventy-two hours. The detained person shall be released immediately, if he or she has not been provided, within seventy-two hours from the moment of detention, with a substantiated court decision in regard to the holding in custody.

Everyone arrested or detained shall be informed without delay of the reasons for his or her arrest or detention, explained his or her rights, and from the moment of detention shall be given the opportunity to personally defend himself or herself, or to have the legal assistance of a defender.

Everyone detained has the right to challenge his or her detention in court at any time.

Relatives of an arrested or detained person shall be informed immediately of his or her arrest or detention.

## **Article 30**

Everyone is guaranteed the inviolability of his or her dwelling place.

Entry into a dwelling place or other possessions of a person, and the examination or search thereof, shall not be permitted, other than pursuant to a substantiated court decision.

In urgent cases related to the preservation of human life and property or to the direct pursuit of persons suspected of committing a crime, another procedure established by law is possible for entry into a dwelling place or other possessions of a person, and for the examination and search thereof.

## **Article 31**

Everyone is guaranteed privacy of mail, telephone conversations, telegraph and other correspondence. Exceptions shall be established only by a court in cases envisaged by law, with the purpose of preventing crime or ascertaining the truth in

the course of the investigation of a criminal case, if it is not possible to obtain information by other means.

### **Article 32**

No one shall be subject to interference in his or her personal and family life, except in cases envisaged by the Constitution of Grozovia.

The collection, storage, use and dissemination of confidential information about a person without his or her consent shall not be permitted, except in cases determined by law, and only in the interests of national security, economic welfare and human rights.

Every citizen has the right to examine information about himself or herself, that is not a state secret or other secret protected by law, at the bodies of state power, bodies of local self-government, institutions and organisations.

Everyone is guaranteed judicial protection of the right to refute incorrect information about himself or herself and members of his or her family, and of the right to demand that any type of information be expunged, and also the right to compensation for material and moral damages inflicted by the collection, storage, use and dissemination of such incorrect information.

### **Article 33**

Everyone who lawfully stays on the territory of Grozovia is guaranteed freedom of movement, free choice of place of residence, and the right to freely leave the territory of Grozovia, with the exception of restrictions established by law.

A citizen of Grozovia may not be deprived of the right to return to Grozovia at any time.

### **Article 34**

Everyone is guaranteed the right to freedom of thought and speech, and to the free expression of his or her views and beliefs.

Everyone has the right to freely collect, store, use and disseminate information by oral, written or other means of his or her choice.

The exercise of these rights may be restricted by law in the interests of national security, territorial indivisibility or public order, with the purpose of preventing disturbances or crimes, protecting the health of the population, the reputation or rights of other persons, preventing the disclosure of information received confidentially, or supporting the authority and impartiality of justice.

## **Article 35**

Everyone has the right to freedom of personal philosophy and religion. This right includes the freedom to profess or not to profess any religion, to perform alone or collectively and unimpededly religious rites and ceremonial rituals, and to conduct religious activity.

The exercise of this right may be restricted by law only in the interests of protecting public order, the health and morality of the population, or protecting the rights and freedoms of other persons.

The Church and religious organisations in Grozovia are separated from the State, and the school - from the Church. No religion shall be recognised by the State as mandatory.

No one shall be relieved of his or her duties before the State or refuse to perform the laws for reasons of religious beliefs. In the event that the performance of military duty is contrary to the religious beliefs of a citizen, the performance of this duty shall be replaced by alternative (non-military) service.

## **Article 36**

Citizens of Grozovia have the right to freedom of association in political parties and public organisations for the exercise and protection of their rights and freedoms and for the satisfaction of their political, economic, social, cultural and other interests, with the exception of restrictions established by law in the interests of national security and public order, the protection of the health of the population or the protection of rights and freedoms of other persons.

Political parties in Grozovia promote the formation and expression of the political will of citizens, and participate in elections. Only citizens of Grozovia may be members of political parties. Restrictions on membership in political parties are established exclusively by this Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

Citizens have the right to take part in trade unions with the purpose of protecting their labour and social and economic rights and interests. Trade unions are public organisations that unite citizens bound by common interests according to their professional activity. Trade unions are formed without prior permission on the basis of the free choice of their members. All trade unions have equal rights. Restrictions on membership in trade unions are established exclusively by this Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

No one may be forced to join any association of citizens or be restricted in his or her rights for belonging or not belonging to political parties or public

organisations.

All associations of citizens are equal before the law.

### **Article 37**

The establishment and activity of political parties and public associations are prohibited if their programme goals or actions are aimed at the liquidation of the independence of Grozovia, the change of the constitutional order by violent means, the violation of the sovereignty and territorial indivisibility of the State, the undermining of its security, the unlawful seizure of state power, the propaganda of war and of violence, the incitement of inter-ethnic, racial, or religious enmity, and the encroachments on human rights and freedoms and the health of the population.

Political parties and public associations shall not have paramilitary units.

The creation and activity of organisational structures of political parties shall not be permitted within bodies of executive and judicial power and executive bodies of local self-government, in military units, and also in state enterprises, educational establishments and other state institutions and organisations.

The prohibition of the activity of associations of citizens is exercised only through judicial procedure.

### **Article 38**

Citizens have the right to participate in the administration of state affairs, in All Grozovian and local referendums, to freely elect and to be elected to bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government.

Citizens enjoy the equal right of access to the civil service and to service in bodies of local self-government.

### **Article 39**

Citizens have the right to assemble peacefully without arms and to hold meetings, rallies, processions and demonstrations, upon notifying in advance the bodies of executive power or bodies of local self-government.

Restrictions on the exercise of this right may be established by a court in accordance with the law and only in the interests of national security and public order, with the purpose of preventing disturbances or crimes, protecting the health of the population, or protecting the rights and freedoms of other persons.

### **Article 40**

Everyone has the right to file individual or collective written petitions, or to personally appeal to bodies of state power, bodies of local self-government, and to the officials and officers of these bodies, that are obliged to consider the petitions and to provide a substantiated reply within the term established by law.

#### **Article 41**

Everyone has the right to own, use and dispose of his or her property, and the results of his or her intellectual and creative activity.

The right of private property is acquired by the procedure determined by law.

In order to satisfy their needs, citizens may use the objects of the right of state and communal property in accordance with the law.

No one shall be unlawfully deprived of the right of property. The right of private property is inviolable.

The expropriation of objects of the right of private property may be applied only as an exception for reasons of social necessity, on the grounds of and by the procedure established by law, and on the condition of advance and complete compensation of their value. The expropriation of such objects with subsequent complete compensation of their value is permitted only under conditions of martial law or a state of emergency.

Confiscation of property may be applied only pursuant to a court decision, in the cases, in the extent and by the procedure established by law.

The use of property shall not cause harm to the rights, freedoms and dignity of citizens, the interests of society, aggravate the ecological situation and the natural qualities of land.

#### **Article 42**

Everyone has the right to entrepreneurial activity that is not prohibited by law.

The entrepreneurial activity of deputies, officials and officers of bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government is restricted by law.

The State ensures the protection of competition in entrepreneurial activity. The abuse of a monopolistic position in the market, the unlawful restriction of competition, and unfair competition, shall not be permitted. The types and limits of monopolies are determined by law.

The State protects the rights of consumers, exercises control over the quality and

safety of products and of all types of services and work, and promotes the activity of public consumer associations.

### **Article 43**

Everyone has the right to labour, including the possibility to earn one's living by labour that he or she freely chooses or to which he or she freely agrees.

The State creates conditions for citizens to fully realise their right to labour, guarantees equal opportunities in the choice of profession and of types of labour activity, implements programmes of vocational education, training and retraining of personnel according to the needs of society.

The use of forced labour is prohibited. Military or alternative (non-military) service, and also work or service carried out by a person in compliance with a verdict or other court decision, or in accordance with the laws on martial law or on a state of emergency, are not considered to be forced labour.

Everyone has the right to proper, safe and healthy work conditions, and to remuneration no less than the minimum wage as determined by law.

The employment of women and minors for work that is hazardous to their health, is prohibited.

Citizens are guaranteed protection from unlawful dismissal.

The right to timely payment for labour is protected by law.

### **Article 44**

Those who are employed have the right to strike for the protection of their economic and social interests.

The procedure for exercising the right to strike is established by law, taking into account the necessity to ensure national security, health protection, and rights and freedoms of other persons.

No one shall be forced to participate or not to participate in a strike.

The prohibition of a strike is possible only on the basis of the law.

### **Article 45**

Everyone who is employed has the right to rest.

This right is ensured by providing weekly rest days and also paid annual vacation, by establishing a shorter working day for certain professions and industries, and reduced working hours at night.

The maximum number of working hours, the minimum duration of rest and of paid annual vacation, days off and holidays as well as other conditions for exercising this right, are determined by law.

#### **Article 46**

Citizens have the right to social protection that includes the right to social provision in cases of complete, partial or temporary disability, the loss of the principal wage-earner, unemployment due to circumstances beyond their control and also in old age, and in other cases established by law.

This right is guaranteed by general mandatory state social insurance on account of the insurance payments of citizens, enterprises, institutions and organisations, and also from budgetary and other sources of social security; by the establishment of a network of state, communal and private institutions to care for persons incapable of work.

Pensions and other types of social payments and assistance that are the principal sources of subsistence, shall ensure a standard of living not lower than the minimum living standard established by law.

#### **Article 47**

Everyone has the right to housing. The State creates conditions that enable every citizen to build, purchase as property, or to rent housing.

Citizens in need of social protection are provided with housing by the State and bodies of local self-government, free of charge or at a price affordable for them, in accordance with the law.

No one shall be forcibly deprived of housing other than on the basis of the law pursuant to a court decision.

#### **Article 48**

Everyone has the right to a standard of living sufficient for himself or herself and his or her family that includes adequate nutrition, clothing and housing.

#### **Article 49**

Everyone has the right to health protection, medical care and medical insurance.

Health protection is ensured through state funding of the relevant social and economic, medical and sanitary, health improvement and prophylactic programmes.

The State creates conditions for effective medical service accessible to all citizens. State and communal health protection institutions provide medical care free of charge; the existing network of such institutions shall not be reduced. The State promotes the development of medical institutions of all forms of ownership.

The State provides for the development of physical culture and sports, and ensures sanitary and epidemic welfare.

### **Article 50**

Everyone has the right to an environment that is safe for life and health, and to compensation for damages inflicted through the violation of this right.

Everyone is guaranteed the right of free access to information about the environmental situation, the quality of food and consumer goods, and also the right to disseminate such information. No one shall make such information secret.

### **Article 51**

Marriage is based on the free consent of a woman and a man. Each of the spouses has equal rights and duties in the marriage and family.

Parents are obliged to support their children until they attain the age of majority. Adult children are obliged to care for their parents who are incapable of work.

The family, childhood, motherhood and fatherhood are under the protection of the State.

### **Article 52**

Children are equal in their rights regardless of their origin and whether they are born in or out of wedlock.

Any violence against a child, or his or her exploitation, shall be prosecuted by law.

The maintenance and upbringing of orphans and children deprived of parental care is entrusted to the State. The State encourages and supports charitable activity in regard to children.

### **Article 53**

Everyone has the right to education.

Complete general secondary education is compulsory.

The State ensures accessible and free pre-school, complete general secondary, vocational and higher education in state and communal educational establishments; the development of pre-school, complete general secondary, extra-curricular, vocational, higher and post-graduate education, various forms of instruction; provision of state scholarships and privileges to pupils and students.

Citizens have the right to obtain free higher education in state and communal educational establishments on a competitive basis.

Citizens who belong to national minorities are guaranteed the right to receive instruction in their native language, or to study their native language in state and communal educational establishments and through national cultural societies in accordance with the law.

#### **Article 54**

Citizens are guaranteed the freedom of literary, artistic, scientific and technical creativity, protection of intellectual property, their copyrights, moral and material interests that arise with regard to various types of intellectual activity.

Every citizen has the right to the results of his or her intellectual, creative activity; no one shall use or distribute them without his or her consent, with the exceptions established by law.

The State promotes the development of science and the establishment of scientific relations of Grozovia with the world community.

Cultural heritage is protected by law.

The State ensures the preservation of historical monuments and other objects of cultural value, and takes measures to return to Grozovia the cultural treasures of the nation, that are located beyond its borders.

#### **Article 55**

Human and citizen's rights and freedoms are protected by the court.

Everyone is guaranteed the right to challenge in court the decisions, actions or omission of bodies of state power, bodies of local self-government, officials and officers.

Everyone has the right to appeal for the protection of his or her rights to the Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

Everyone shall be guaranteed the right to lodge a constitutional complaint to the Constitutional Court of Grozovia on grounds defined in this Constitution and under the procedure prescribed by law.

After exhausting all domestic legal remedies, everyone has the right to appeal for the protection of his or her rights and freedoms to the relevant international judicial institutions or to the relevant bodies of international organisations of which Grozovia is a member or participant.

Everyone has the right to protect his or her rights and freedoms from violations and illegal encroachments by any means not prohibited by law.

### **Article 56**

Everyone has the right to compensation, at the expense of the State or bodies of local self-government, for material and moral damages inflicted by unlawful decisions, actions or omission of bodies of state power, bodies of local self government, their officials and officers during the exercise of their authority.

### **Article 57**

Everyone is guaranteed the right to know his or her rights and duties.

Laws and other normative legal acts that determine the rights and duties of citizens shall be brought to the notice of the population by the procedure established by law.

Laws and other normative legal acts that determine the rights and duties of citizens, but that are not brought to the notice of the population by the procedure established by law, are not in force.

### **Article 58**

Laws and other normative legal acts have no retroactive force, except in cases where they mitigate or annul the responsibility of a person.

No one shall bear responsibility for acts that, at the time they were committed, were not deemed by law to be an offence.

### **Article 59**

Everyone has the right to professional legal assistance. Such assistance is provided

free of charge in cases envisaged by law. Everyone is free to choose the defender of his or her rights.

### **Article 60**

No one is obliged to execute rulings or orders that are manifestly criminal.

Legal liability arises for the issuance or execution of a manifestly criminal ruling or order.

### **Article 61**

For one and the same offence, no one shall be brought twice to legal liability of the same type.

The legal liability of a person is of an individual character.

### **Article 62**

A person is presumed innocent of committing a crime and shall not be subjected to criminal punishment until his or her guilt is proved through legal procedure and established by a court verdict of guilty.

No one is obliged to prove his or her innocence of committing a crime.

An accusation shall not be based on illegally obtained evidence as well as on assumptions. All doubts in regard to the proof of guilt of a person are interpreted in his or her favour.

In the event that a court verdict is revoked as unjust, the State compensates the material and moral damages inflicted by the groundless conviction.

### **Article 63**

A person shall not bear responsibility for refusing to testify or to explain anything about himself or herself, members of his or her family or close relatives in the degree determined by law.

A suspect, an accused, or a defendant has the right to a defence.

A convicted person enjoys all human and citizens' rights, with the exception of restrictions determined by law and established by a court verdict.

### **Article 64**

Constitutional human and citizen's rights and freedoms shall not be restricted, except in cases envisaged by the Constitution of Grozovia.

Under conditions of martial law or a state of emergency, specific restrictions on rights and freedoms may be established with the indication of the period of effect of these restrictions. The rights and freedoms envisaged in Articles 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 40, 47, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 of this Constitution shall not be restricted.

#### **Article 65**

Defence of the Motherland, of the independence and territorial indivisibility of Grozovia, and respect for its state symbols, are the duties of citizens of Grozovia.

Citizens do military service in accordance with the law.

#### **Article 66**

Everyone is obliged not to harm nature, cultural heritage and to compensate for any damage he or she inflicted.

#### **Article 67**

Everyone is obliged to pay taxes and levies in accordance with the procedure and in the extent established by law.

All citizens annually file declarations with the tax inspection at their place of residence, on their property status and income for the previous year, by the procedure established by law.

#### **Article 68**

Everyone is obliged to strictly abide by the Constitution of Grozovia and the laws of Grozovia, and not to encroach upon the rights and freedoms, honour and dignity of other persons.

Ignorance of the law shall not exempt from legal liability.

### **Chapter III Elections. Referendum**

#### **Article 69**

The expression of the will of the people is exercised through elections, referendum and other forms of direct democracy.

## **Article 70**

Citizens of Grozovia who have attained the age of eighteen on the day elections and referendums are held, have the right to vote at the elections and referendums.

Citizens deemed by a court to be legally incompetent do not have the right to vote.

## **Article 71**

Elections to bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government are free and are held on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.

Voters are guaranteed the free expression of their will.

## **Article 72**

An All-Grozovian referendum is designated by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia or by the President of Grozovia, in accordance with their authority established by this Constitution.

An All-Grozovian referendum is called on popular initiative on the request of no less than three million citizens of Grozovia who have the right to vote, on the condition that the signatures in favour of designating the referendum have been collected in no less than two-thirds of the oblasts, with no less than 100 000 signatures in each oblast.

## **Article 73**

Altering the territory of Grozovia IS resolved exclusively by an All-Grozovian referendum.

## **Article 74**

A referendum shall not be permitted in regard to draft laws on taxes, budget and amnesty.

# **Chapter IV Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia**

## **Article 75**

The sole body of legislative power in Grozovia is the Parliament - the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

## **Article 76**

The constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia consists of 150 People's Deputies of Grozovia who are elected for a five-year term on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot.

A citizen of Grozovia who has attained the age of twenty-one on the day of elections, has the right to vote, and has resided on the territory of Grozovia for the past five years, may be a People's Deputy of Grozovia.

A citizen who has a criminal record for committing an intentional crime shall not be elected to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia if the conviction is not spent and released by the procedure established by law.

The authority of People's Deputies of Grozovia is determined by the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

The term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia is five years.

## **Article 77**

Regular elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia take place on the last Sunday of October of the fifth year of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

Special elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia are designated by the President of Grozovia and are held within sixty days from the day of the publication of the decision on the pre-term termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The procedure for conducting elections of People's Deputies of Grozovia is established by law.

## **Article 78**

People's Deputies of Grozovia exercise their authority on a permanent basis.

People's Deputies of Grozovia shall not have another representative mandate, be in the civil service, hold any other paid offices, engage in other paid or entrepreneurial activity (except academic, teaching or creative activity), enter a governing body or a supervisory board of enterprise or organisation that is aimed at

making profit.

Requirements concerning the incompatibility of the deputy mandate with other types of activity are established by law.

Where there emerge circumstances infringing requirements concerning the incompatibility of the deputy's mandate with other types of activity, the People's Deputy of Grozovia shall within twenty days from the date of the emergence of such circumstances discontinue such activity or lodge a personal statement on withdrawing People's Deputy authority.

## **Article 79**

Before assuming office, People's Deputies of Grozovia take the following oath before the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia:

"I swear allegiance to Grozovia. I commit myself with all my deeds to protect the sovereignty and independence of Grozovia, to provide for the good of the Motherland and for the welfare of the Grozovian people.

I swear to abide by the Constitution of Grozovia and the laws of Grozovia, to carry out my duties in the interests of all compatriots."

The oath is read by the eldest People's Deputy of Grozovia before the opening of the first session of the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, after which the deputies affirm the oath with their signatures below its text.

The refusal to take the oath results in the loss of the deputy mandate.

The authority of People's Deputies of Grozovia commences from the moment of taking the oath.

## **Article 80**

People's Deputies of Grozovia are guaranteed parliamentary immunity.

People's Deputies of Grozovia are not legally liable for the results of voting or for statements made in the Parliament and in its bodies, with the exception of liability for insult or defamation.

People's Deputies of Grozovia shall not be held criminally liable, detained or arrested without the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

## **Article 81**

The authority of People's Deputies of Grozovia terminates simultaneously with the

termination of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The authority of a People's Deputy of Grozovia terminates prior to the expiration of the term in the event of:

- 1) his or her resignation through a personal statement;
- 2) a guilty verdict against him or her entering into legal force;
- 3) a court declaring him or her incompetent or missing;
- 4) termination of his or her citizenship or his or her departure from Grozovia for permanent residence abroad;
- 5) his or her failure, within twenty days from the date of the emergence of circumstances leading to the infringement of requirements concerning the incompatibility of the deputy mandate with other types of activity, to remove such circumstances;
- 6) his or her failure, as having been elected from a political party (an electoral bloc of political parties), to join the parliamentary faction representing the same political party (the same electoral bloc of political parties) or his or her exit from such a faction;
- 7) his or her death.

The authority of a People's Deputy of Grozovia shall be also early terminated in case of early termination, under the Constitution of Grozovia, of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, with such termination of the Deputy's authority taking effect on the date when the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of a new convocation opens its first meeting.

A decision on pre-term termination of the authority of a People's Deputy of Grozovia on grounds referred to in subparagraphs 1, 4 of the second paragraph of this Article shall be made by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, while the ground referred to in subparagraph 5 of the second paragraph of this Article shall be a matter to be decided by court.

Where a guilty verdict against a People's Deputy of Grozovia becomes legally effective or where a court declares a People's Deputy of Grozovia legally incompetent or missing, his or her powers terminate on the date when the court decision becomes legally effective, while in the event of the People's Deputy's death - on the date of his or her death as certified by the relevant document.

Where a People's Deputy of Grozovia, as having been elected from a political party

(an electoral bloc of political parties), fails to join the parliamentary faction representing the same political party (the same electoral bloc of political parties) or exits from such a faction, his or her authority shall be early terminated on the basis of a law upon the decision of the highest steering body of the respective political party (electoral bloc of political parties) from the date of adoption of such decision.

## **Article 82**

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia works in sessions.

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia is competent on the condition that no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition has been elected.

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia assembled for its first session no later than on the thirtieth day after the official announcement of the election results.

The first meeting of the newly elected Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia is opened by the eldest People's Deputy of Grozovia.

## **Article 83**

Regular sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia commence on the first Tuesday of February and on the first Tuesday of September each year.

Special sessions of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, with the stipulation of their agenda, are convoked by the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, on the demand of the President of Grozovia or on the demand of no fewer People's Deputies of Grozovia than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

In the event that the President of Grozovia declares, by proclaiming a decree, a state of martial law or of emergency upon the whole territory of Grozovia in some areas of the State, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall assemble within two days without convocation.

In the event that the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia expires while a state of martial law or of emergency is in effect, its powers are extended until the day when the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia elected after the cancellation of the state of martial law or of emergency convenes its first meeting of the first session.

Rules on the conduct of work of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall be laid down in the Constitution of Grozovia and the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

According to election results and on the basis of a common ground achieved

between various political positions, a coalition of parliamentary factions shall be formed in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia to include a majority of People's Deputies of Grozovia of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

A coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall be formed within one month from the date of the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia to be held following regular or special elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, or within one month from the date when activities of a coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia were terminated.

A coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia submits to the President of Grozovia, in accordance with this Constitution, proposals concerning a candidature for the office of the Prime Minister of Grozovia and also, in accordance with this Constitution, submits proposals concerning candidatures for the membership of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia.

Framework for forming, organizing, and terminating activities of a coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall be established by the Constitution of Grozovia and the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

A parliamentary faction in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia which members make up a majority of People's Deputies of Grozovia of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall enjoy the same rights under this Constitution as a coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

#### **Article 84**

Meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia are open. A closed meeting is conducted on the decision of the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

Decisions of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia are adopted exclusively at its plenary meetings by voting.

Voting at the meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia is performed by a People's Deputy of Grozovia in person.

#### **Article 85**

The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia include:

- 1) introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia within the limits and under the procedure specified in Chapter XIII of this Constitution;

- 2) designating an All-Grozovian referendum on issues referred to in Article 73 of this Constitution;
- 3) adopting laws;
- 4) approving the State Budget of Grozovia and introducing amendments thereto; exercising control over the implementation of the State Budget of Grozovia and adopting decision in regard to the report on its implementation;
- 5) determining the principles of internal and foreign policy, realization of the strategic course of the state on acquiring full-fledged membership of Grozovia in the European Union and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;
- 6) approving national programmes of economic, scientific and technical, social, national and cultural development, and of the protection of the environment;
- 7) calling elections of the President of Grozovia within the terms specified in this Constitution;
- 8) hearing annual and special messages of the President of Grozovia on the internal and external situation of Grozovia;
- 9) declaring war upon the submission by the President of Grozovia and concluding peace; approving a decision by the President of Grozovia on the use of the Armed Forces of Grozovia and other military units in the event of armed aggression against Grozovia;
- 10) removing the President of Grozovia from office under a special procedure (impeachment) as provided for in Article 111 of this Constitution;
- 11) considering and adopting a decision in regard to the approval of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia;
- 12) appointing to office - upon the submission by the President of Grozovia - the Prime Minister of Grozovia, the Minister of Defence of Grozovia, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grozovia; appointing to office - upon the submission by the Prime Minister of Grozovia - other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, the Chairperson of the Antimonopoly Committee of Grozovia, the Head of the State Committee on Television and Radio Broadcasting of Grozovia, and the Head of the State Property Fund of Grozovia; dismissing from office the officials mentioned above; deciding on the resignation of the Prime Minister of Grozovia and of members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia;

- 12<sup>1</sup>) appointing to office and dismissing from office - upon the submission by the President of Grozovia - the Head of the Security Service of Grozovia;
- 13) exercising control over activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, in accordance with this Constitution and law;
- 14) confirming decisions on loans and economic aid to be granted by Grozovia to foreign states and international organisations and also decisions on the receipt by Grozovia of loans not envisaged by the State Budget of Grozovia from foreign states, banks and international financial organisations; exercising control over the use of such funds;
- 15) adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;
- 16) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Chairperson and other members of the Chamber of Accounting;
- 17) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia; hearing his or her annual reports on the situation with regard to the observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Grozovia;
- 18) appointing to office and dismissing from office the Head of the National Bank of Grozovia upon the submission by the President of Grozovia;
- 19) appointing to office and dismissing one-half of the membership of the Council of the National Bank of Grozovia;
- 20) appointing to office and dismissing one-half of the membership of the National Council of Grozovia on Television and Radio Broadcasting;
- 21) appointing to office and dismissing from office, upon the submission of the President of Grozovia, the members of the Central Electoral Commission;
- 22) approving the general structure and numerical strength of the Security Service of Grozovia, the Armed Forces of Grozovia, other military units created in accordance with laws of Grozovia, and of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Grozovia, as well as defining their functions;
- 23) approving decisions on providing military assistance to other states, on sending units of the Armed Forces of Grozovia to a foreign state, or on admitting units of armed forces of foreign states onto the territory of Grozovia;
- 24) establishing national symbols of Grozovia;

25) granting consent for appointment to office and dismissal by the President of Grozovia of the Prosecutor General; expressing no-confidence in the Prosecutor General resulting in his or her dismissal from office;

(26) appointment of one-third of the composition of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia;

27) deleted;

28) early termination of the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor where the Constitutional Court of Grozovia finds that the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor has violated the Constitution of Grozovia or laws of Grozovia; calling special elections to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor;

29) establishing and abolishing districts, establishing and altering the boundaries of districts and cities, assigning localities to the category of cities, naming and renaming localities and districts;

30) calling regular and special elections to bodies of local self-government;

31) giving its approval to decrees by the President of Grozovia - within two days from the moment of the President's address - on introducing a state of martial law or of emergency in Grozovia or in its some areas, on declaring total or partial mobilisation, and on declaring particular areas to be ecological emergency zones;

32) granting consent - by adopting a law - to the binding nature of international treaties of Grozovia and denouncing international treaties of Grozovia;

33) exercising parliamentary control within the scope provided for by this Constitution and law;

34) adopting decisions on forwarding an inquiry to the President of Grozovia at request by a People's Deputy of Grozovia, a group of People's Deputies of Grozovia or by a Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, provided that such a request has been previously supported by no less than one- third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

35) appointing to office and dismissing the Head of Staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia; approving the budget of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and the structure of its staff;

36) approving the list of objects owned by the State that are not subject to privatisation; establishing legal principles of the expropriation of objects of private ownership;

37) approving by law of the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor and amendments thereto.

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall also exercise other powers falling within its competence under the Constitution of Grozovia.

### **Article 86**

At a session of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, a People's Deputy of Grozovia has the right to present an inquiry to the bodies of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, chief officials of other bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government, and also to the chief executives of enterprises, institutions and organisations located on the territory of Grozovia, irrespective of their subordination and forms of ownership.

Chief officials of bodies of state power and bodies of local self-government, chief executives of enterprises, institutions and organisations are obliged to notify a People's Deputy of Grozovia of the results of the consideration of his or her inquiry.

### **Article 87**

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, on the proposal of the President of Grozovia or no fewer People's Deputies of Grozovia than one-third of its constitutional composition, may consider the issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia and adopt a resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The issue of responsibility of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia shall not be considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia more than once during one regular session, and also within one year after the approval of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia or during the last session of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

### **Article 88**

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia elects from among its members the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, the First Deputy Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and recalls them from these offices.

The Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia:

- 1) presides at meetings of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

- 2) organises work of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and co-ordinates activities of its bodies;
- 3) signs acts adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;
- 4) represents the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia in relations with other bodies of state power of Grozovia and with the bodies of power of other states;
- 5) organises the work of the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia exercises authority envisaged by this Constitution, by the procedure established by the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

### **Article 89**

To perform the law-drafting work, to prepare and conduct the preliminary consideration of issues ascribed to its authority as well as to exercise control functions according to the Constitution of Grozovia, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia establishes committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia from People's Deputies of Grozovia, and elects Chairpersons to these Committees, their First Deputies, Deputies and Secretaries.

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, within the limits of its authority, may establish temporary special commissions for the preparation and the preliminary consideration of issues.

To investigate issues of public interest, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia establishes temporary investigatory commissions, if no less than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia has voted in favour thereof.

The conclusions and proposals of temporary investigatory commissions are not decisive for investigation and court.

The organisation and operational procedure of committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and also its temporary special and temporary investigatory commissions, are established by law.

### **Article 90**

The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia is terminated on the day of the opening of the first meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of a new convocation.

The President of Grozovia may terminate the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of

Grozovia prior to the expiration of term, in case of:

- 1) failure to form within one month a coalition of parliamentary factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia as provided for in Article 83 of this Constitution;
- 2) failure, within sixty days following the resignation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, to form the personal composition of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia;
- 3) failure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, within thirty days of a single regular session, to commence its plenary meetings.

The early termination of powers of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall be decided by the President of Grozovia following relevant consultations with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairpersons of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and with Chairpersons of Verkhovna Rada parliamentary factions.

The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, that is elected at special elections conducted after the pre-term termination by the President of Grozovia of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of the previous convocation, shall not be terminated within one year from the day of its election.

The authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall not be early terminated during the last six months of the term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia or the President of Grozovia.

## **Article 91**

The Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia adopts laws, resolutions and other acts by the majority of its constitutional composition, except in cases envisaged by this Constitution.

## **Article 92**

The following are determined exclusively by the laws of Grozovia:

- 1) human and citizen's rights and freedoms, the guarantees of these rights and freedoms; the main duties of the citizen;
- 2) citizenship, legal capacity of citizens, the status of foreigners and stateless persons;
- 3) the rights of indigenous peoples and national minorities;
- 4) the procedure for the use of languages;

- 5) the principles of the use of natural resources, the exclusive (maritime) economic zone and the continental shelf, the exploration of outer space, the organisation and operation of power supply systems, transportation and communications;
- 6) the fundamentals of social protection, the forms and types of pension provision; the principles of the regulation of labour and employment, marriage, family, the protection of childhood, motherhood and fatherhood; upbringing, education, culture and health care; ecological safety;
- 7) the legal regime of property;
- 8) the legal principles and guarantees of entrepreneurship; the rules of competition and the norms of antimonopoly regulation;
- 9) the principles of foreign relations, foreign economic activity and customs;
- 10) the principles of the regulation of demographic and migration processes;
- 11) the principles of the establishment and activity of political parties, other associations of citizens, and the mass media;
- 12) the organisation and activity of bodies of executive power, the fundamentals of civil service, the organisation of state statistics and informatics;
- 13) the territorial structure of Grozovia;
- 14) the judiciary, the judicial proceedings, the status of judges; the principles of judicial expertise; the organisation and operation of the prosecution, the notary, the bodies of pre-trial investigation, the bodies and institutions for the execution of punishments; the procedure for enforcement of the court decisions; the fundamentals of the organisation and functioning of the bar;
- 15) the principles of local self-government;
- 16) the status of the capital of Grozovia; the special status of other cities;
- 17) the fundamentals of national security, the organisation of the Armed Forces of Grozovia and ensuring public order;
- 18) the legal regime of the state border;
- 19) the legal regime of martial law and a state of emergency, zones of an ecological emergency situation;
- 20) the organisation and procedure for conducting elections and referendums;

21) the organisation and operational procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, the status of People's Deputies of Grozovia;

22) the principles of civil legal liability; acts that are crimes, administrative or disciplinary offences, and liability for them.

The following are established exclusively by the laws of Grozovia:

1) the State Budget of Grozovia and the budgetary system of Grozovia; the system of taxation, taxes and levies; the principles of the formation and operation of financial, monetary, credit and investment markets; the status of the national currency and also the status of foreign currencies on the territory of Grozovia; the procedure for the formation and payment of state domestic and foreign debt; the procedure for the issuance and circulation of state securities, their types and forms;

2) the procedure for deploying units of the Armed Forces of Grozovia to other states; the procedure for admitting and the terms for stationing units of armed forces of other states on the territory of Grozovia;

3) units of weight, measure and time; the procedure for establishing state standards;

4) the procedure for the use and protection of state symbols;

5) state awards;

6) military ranks, diplomatic and other special ranks;

7) state holidays;

8) the procedure for the establishment and functioning of free and other special zones that have an economic and migration regime different from the general regime.

Amnesty is declared by the law of Grozovia.

### **Article 93**

The right of legislative initiative in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia belongs to the President of Grozovia, the People's Deputies of Grozovia, and the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia.

Draft laws defined by the President of Grozovia as urgent, are considered out of turn by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

## **Article 94**

The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia signs a law and forwards it without delay to the President of Grozovia.

Within fifteen days of the receipt of a law, the President of Grozovia signs it, accepting it for execution, and officially promulgates it, or returns it to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia with substantiated and formulated proposals for repeat consideration.

In the event that the President of Grozovia has not returned a law for repeat consideration within the established term, the law is deemed to be approved by the President of Grozovia and shall be signed and officially promulgated.

Where a law, during its repeat consideration, is again adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by no less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition, the President of Grozovia is obliged to sign and to officially promulgate it within ten days. In the event that the President of Grozovia does not sign such a law, it shall be without delay promulgated officially by the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and published under his or her signature.

A law enters into force in ten days from the day of its official promulgation, unless otherwise envisaged by the law itself, but not prior to the day of its publication.

## **Article 95**

The budgetary system of Grozovia is built on the principles of just and impartial distribution of social wealth among citizens and territorial communities.

Any state expenditures for the needs of the entire society, the extent and purposes of these expenditures, are determined exclusively by the law on the State Budget of Grozovia.

The State aspires to a balanced budget of Grozovia.

Regular reports on revenues and expenditures of the State Budget of Grozovia shall be made public.

## **Article 96**

The State Budget of Grozovia is annually approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia for the period from January 1 to December 31, and under special circumstances for a different period.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia submits the draft law on the State Budget of

Grozovia for the following year to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia no later than on September 15 of each year. The report on the course of the implementation of the State Budget of Grozovia in the current year is submitted together with the draft law.

#### **Article 97**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia submits the report on the implementation of the State Budget of Grozovia to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia in accordance with the law.

The submitted report shall be made public.

#### **Article 98**

The Chamber of Accounting exercises control over the receipt of finances to the State Budget of Grozovia and their use on behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The organisation, authority and operational procedure of the Chamber of Accounting shall be determined by law.

#### **Article 99**

The monetary unit of Grozovia is the hryvnia.

To ensure the stability of the monetary unit is the major function of the central bank of the State - the National Bank of Grozovia.

#### **Article 100**

The Council of the National Bank of Grozovia elaborates the basic principles of monetary and credit policy and exercises control over its execution.

The legal status of the Council of the National Bank of Grozovia is determined by law.

#### **Article 101**

The Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia exercises parliamentary control over the observance of constitutional human and citizen's rights and freedoms.

### **Chapter V President of Grozovia**

## **Article 102**

The President of Grozovia is the Head of State and acts in its name.

The President of Grozovia is the guarantor of state sovereignty and territorial indivisibility of Grozovia, the observance of the Constitution of Grozovia and human and citizen's rights and freedoms.

The President of Grozovia is a guarantor of the implementation of the strategic course of the state for gaining full-fledged membership of Grozovia in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## **Article 103**

The President of Grozovia is elected by the citizens of Grozovia, on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot for a five-year term.

A citizen of Grozovia who has attained the age of thirty-five, has the right to vote, has resided in Grozovia for the past ten years prior to the day of elections, and has command of the state language, may be elected as the President of Grozovia.

One and the same person shall not be the President of Grozovia for more than two consecutive terms.

The President of Grozovia shall not have another representative mandate, hold office in bodies of state power or in associations of citizens, as well as engage in other paid or entrepreneurial activity, or enter a governing body or a supervisory board of enterprise that is aimed at making profit.

Regular elections of the President of Grozovia are held on the last Sunday of March of the fifth year of the term of authority of the President of Grozovia. In the event of pre-term termination of authority of the President of Grozovia, elections of the President of Grozovia are held within ninety days from the day of termination of the authority.

The procedure for conducting elections of the President of Grozovia is established by law.

## **Article 104**

The newly-elected President of Grozovia assumes office no later than in thirty days after the official announcement of the election results, from the moment of taking the oath to the people at a solemn meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia. The Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia administers the oath to the

President of Grozovia.

The President of Grozovia takes the following oath:

"I, (name and surname), elected by the will of the people as the President of Grozovia, assuming this high office, do solemnly swear allegiance to Grozovia. I pledge with all my undertakings to protect the sovereignty and independence of Grozovia, to provide for the good of the Motherland and the welfare of the Grozovian people, to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens, to abide by the Constitution of Grozovia and the laws of Grozovia, to exercise my duties in the interests of all compatriots, and to enhance the prestige of Grozovia in the world."

The President of Grozovia, elected at extraordinary elections, takes the oath within five days after the official announcement of the election results.

### **Article 105**

The President of Grozovia enjoys the right of immunity during the term of authority.

Persons guilty of offending the honour and dignity of the President of Grozovia are brought to responsibility on the basis of the law.

The title of President of Grozovia is protected by law and is reserved for the President for life, unless the President of Grozovia has been removed from office by the procedure of impeachment.

### **Article 106**

The President of Grozovia:

- 1) ensures state independence, national security and the legal succession of the state;
- 2) addresses the people with messages and the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia with annual and special messages on the domestic and foreign situation of Grozovia;
- 3) represents the state in international relations, administers the foreign political activity of the State, conducts negotiations and concludes international treaties of Grozovia;
- 4) adopts decisions on the recognition of foreign states;
- 5) appoints and dismisses heads of diplomatic missions of Grozovia to other states and to international organisations; accepts credentials and letters of recall of

diplomatic representatives of foreign states;

6) designates an All-Grozovian referendum regarding amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia in accordance with Article 156 of this Constitution, proclaims an All-Grozovian referendum on popular initiative;

7) designates extraordinary elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia within the terms established by this Constitution;

8) terminates the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia in cases specified by this Constitution;

9) puts forward, upon the proposal of the parliamentary coalition formed in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia as provided for by Article 83 of the Constitution of Grozovia, the submission on the appointment by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of the Prime Minister of Grozovia, no later than fifteen days after the receipt of such a proposal;

10) puts forward to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia the submission on the appointment of the Minister of Defence of Grozovia and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grozovia;

11) appoints to office and dismisses the Prosecutor General upon the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

12) appoints to office and dismisses one-half of the composition of the Council of the National Bank of Grozovia;

13) appoints to office and dismisses one-half of the composition of the National Council of Grozovia on Television and Radio Broadcasting;

14) puts forward to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia the submission on the appointment to office and dismissal of the Head of the Security Service of Grozovia;

15) suspends the effect of acts by the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia on grounds of their inconsistency with this Constitution and challenges concurrently the constitutionality of such acts before the Constitutional Court of Grozovia;

16) revokes acts of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor;

17) is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Grozovia; appoints to office and dismisses the high command of the Armed Forces of Grozovia and other military units; administers in the spheres of national security and defence of the

State;

18) heads the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia;

19) puts forward to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia the submission on the declaration of a state of war, and, in case of armed aggression against Grozovia, adopts a decision on the use of the Armed Forces of Grozovia and other military units established in accordance with laws of Grozovia;

20) adopts a decision in accordance with the law on the general or partial mobilisation and the introduction of martial law in Grozovia or in its particular areas, in the event of a threat of aggression, danger to the state independence of Grozovia;

21) adopts a decision, in the event of necessity, on the introduction of a state of emergency in Grozovia or in its particular areas, and also, in the event of necessity, declares certain areas of Grozovia as zones of an ecological emergency situation - with subsequent confirmation of these decisions by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

22) appoints to office one-third of the composition to the Constitutional Court of Grozovia;

23) excluded;

24) confers high military ranks, high diplomatic and other high special ranks and class orders;

25) confers state awards; establishes presidential distinctions and confers them;

26) adopts decisions on the acceptance for citizenship of Grozovia and the termination of citizenship of Grozovia, and on the granting of asylum in Grozovia;

27) grants pardons;

28) creates, within the limits of the funds envisaged in the State Budget of Grozovia, consultative, advisory and other subsidiary bodies and services for the exercise of his or her authority;

29) signs laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

30) has the right to veto laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia (except for laws on amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia) with their subsequent return for repeat consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;

31) exercises other authority determined by the Constitution of Grozovia.

The President of Grozovia shall not transfer his or her authority to other persons or bodies.

The President of Grozovia, on the basis and in the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia, issues decrees and directives that are mandatory for execution on the territory of Grozovia.

Acts of the President of Grozovia, issued within the limits of authority as envisaged in subparagraphs 5, 18, 21 of this Article, are countersigned by the Prime Minister of Grozovia and the Minister responsible for the act and its execution.

### **Article 107**

The Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia is the co-ordinating body to the President of Grozovia on national security and defence.

The Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia co-ordinates and controls the activity of bodies of executive power in the sphere of national security and defence.

The President of Grozovia is the Chairman of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia.

The President of Grozovia forms the personal composition of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia.

The Prime Minister of Grozovia, the Minister of Defence of Grozovia, the Head of the Security Service of Grozovia, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Grozovia and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grozovia are ex officio members of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia.

The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia may take part in the meetings of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia.

Decisions of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia are put into effect by decrees of the President of Grozovia.

The competence and functions of the Council of National Security and Defence of Grozovia are determined by law.

### **Article 108**

The President of Grozovia exercises his or her authority until the assumption of office by the newly-elected President of Grozovia.

The authority of the President of Grozovia are early terminated in cases

of: 1) resignation;

2) inability to exercise his or her powers for reasons of health;

3) removal from office by the procedure of impeachment;

4) death.

### **Article 109**

The resignation of the President of Grozovia enters into force from the moment he or she personally announces the statement of resignation at a meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

### **Article 110**

The inability of the President of Grozovia to exercise his or her authority for reasons of health shall be determined at a meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and confirmed by a decision adopted by the majority of its constitutional composition on the basis of a petition of the Supreme Court – on the appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and a medical opinion.

### **Article 111**

The President of Grozovia may be removed from office by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by the procedure of impeachment, in the event that he or she commits state treason or other crime.

The issue of the removal of the President of Grozovia from office by the procedure of impeachment is initiated by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

To conduct the investigation, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia establishes a special temporary investigatory commission which composition includes a special prosecutor and special investigators.

The conclusions and proposals of the temporary investigatory commission are considered at a meeting of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

Where there are grounds, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, by no less than two thirds of its constitutional composition, adopts a decision on the accusation of the President of Grozovia.

The decision on the removal of the President of Grozovia from office by the procedure of impeachment is adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by no less than three-quarters of its constitutional composition, after the review of the case by the Constitutional Court of Grozovia and the receipt of its opinion on the observance of the constitutional procedure of investigation and consideration of the case of impeachment, and the receipt of the opinion of the Supreme Court that the acts, of which the President of Grozovia is accused, contain elements of state treason or other crime.

## **Article 112**

In the event of the pre-term termination of authority of the President of Grozovia in accordance with Articles 108, 109, 110 and 111 of this Constitution, the execution of duties of the President of Grozovia, for the period pending the elections and the assumption of office of the new President of Grozovia, shall be vested in the Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia. The Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, for the period of executing the duties of the President of Grozovia, shall not exercise the authority envisaged by subparagraphs 2, 6-8, 10-13, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 of Article 106 of the Constitution of Grozovia.

## **Chapter VI** **Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia.** **Other Bodies of Executive Power**

## **Article 113**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia is the highest body in the system of bodies of executive power.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia is responsible to the President of Grozovia and the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia as well as under the control of and accountable to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia within the limits provided for by this Constitution of Grozovia.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia is guided in its activity by this Constitution and the laws of Grozovia and also by decrees of the President of Grozovia and resolutions of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia adopted in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

## **Article 114**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia is composed of the Prime Minister of

Grozovia, the First Vice Prime Minister, Vice Prime Ministers and Ministers.

The Prime Minister of Grozovia is appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia upon the submission of the President of Grozovia.

A candidate for the office of the Prime Minister of Grozovia is put forward by the President of Grozovia upon the proposal by the parliamentary coalition formed in the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia as provided for in Article 83 of the Constitution of Grozovia or by a parliamentary faction whose People's Deputies of Grozovia make up a majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The Minister of Defence of Grozovia and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grozovia are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia upon the submission by the President of Grozovia; the other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia are appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia upon the submission of the Prime Minister of Grozovia.

The Prime Minister of Grozovia manages the work of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia and directs it for the implementation of the Programme of Activity of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

### **Article 115**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia divests itself of its authorities before the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The Prime Minister of Grozovia, other members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia have the right to announce their resignation to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The resignation of the Prime Minister of Grozovia, the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of a resolution of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia shall result in the resignation of the entire Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia. In such cases, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall form a new Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia within the terms and under the procedure provided for by this Constitution.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia that has divested itself of its authorities before the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia or which resignation has been accepted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall continue to exercise its authority until the newly-formed Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia starts its work.

### **Article 116**

## The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia:

- 1) ensures the state sovereignty and economic independence of Grozovia, the implementation of domestic and foreign policy of the State, the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia, and the acts of the President of Grozovia;
- 1<sup>1</sup>) provides the implementation of the strategic course of the state for gaining full fledged membership of Grozovia in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 2) takes measures to ensure human and citizen's rights and freedoms;
- 3) ensures the implementation of financial, pricing, investment and taxation policy; the policy in the spheres of labour and employment of the population, social security, education, science and culture, environmental protection, ecological safety and the environmental management;
- 4) elaborates and implements national programmes of economic, scientific and technical, and social and cultural development of Grozovia;
- 5) ensures equal conditions of development of all forms of ownership; administers the management of objects of state property in accordance with the law;
- 6) elaborates the draft law on the State Budget of Grozovia and ensures the implementation of the State Budget of Grozovia approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and submits a report on its implementation to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia;
- 7) takes measures to ensure the defence capability and national security of Grozovia, public order and to combat crime;
- 8) organises and ensures the implementation of the foreign economic activity of Grozovia, and customs affairs;
- 9) directs and co-ordinates the operation of ministries and other bodies of executive power;
- 9<sup>1</sup>) sets up, re-organises, and liquidates, in accordance with law, ministries and other central bodies of executive power, acting within the limits of funds allocated for the maintenance of bodies of executive power;
- 9<sup>2</sup>) appoints to office and dismisses from office, upon the submission of the Prime Minister of Grozovia, the heads of central bodies of executive power who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia;

10) performs other functions determined by the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

### **Article 117**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, within the limits of its authority, issues resolutions and orders that are mandatory for execution.

Acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia are signed by the Prime Minister of Grozovia.

Normative legal acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, ministries and other central bodies of executive power, are subject to registration according to the procedure established by law.

### **Article 118**

The executive power in oblasts, districts, and in the Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov is exercised by local state administrations.

Particular aspects of the exercise of executive power in the Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov are determined by special laws of Grozovia.

The composition of local state administrations is formed by heads of local state administrations.

Heads of local state administrations are appointed to office and dismissed by the President of Grozovia upon the submission of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia.

In the exercise of their duties, the heads of local state administrations are responsible to the President of Grozovia and to the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, and are accountable to and under the control of bodies of executive power of a higher level.

Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of councils in the part of the authority delegated to them by the respective district or oblast councils.

Local state administrations are accountable to and under the control of the bodies of executive power of a higher level.

Decisions of the heads of local state administrations that contravene the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia, other acts of legislation of Grozovia, may be revoked by the President of Grozovia or by the head of the local state administration of a higher level, in accordance with the law.

An oblast or district council may express no confidence in the head of the respective local state administration, on which grounds the President of Grozovia adopts a decision and provides a substantiated reply.

If two-thirds of the deputies of the composition of the respective council express no confidence in the head of a district or oblast state administration, the President of Grozovia adopts a decision on the resignation of the head of the local state administration.

### **Article 119**

Local state administrations on their respective territory ensure:

1) the execution of the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia, acts of the President of Grozovia, the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia and other bodies of executive power;

2) legality and legal order; the observance of laws and freedoms of citizens;

3) the implementation of national and regional programmes for social and economic and cultural development, programmes for environmental protection, and also - in places of compact residence of indigenous peoples and national minorities – also programmes for their national and cultural development;

4) the preparation and implementation of respective oblast and district budgets;

5) the report on the implementation of respective budgets and programmes; 6)

interaction with bodies of local self-government;

7) the realisation of other authorities vested by the state and also delegated by the respective councils.

### **Article 120**

Members of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia and chief officials of central and local bodies of executive power do not have the right to combine their official activity with other work (except teaching, academic and creative activity outside of working hours), enter the management body or supervisory board of an enterprise or organisation aimed at making profit.

The organisation, authority and operational procedure of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, and other central and local bodies of executive power, are determined by the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

*Chapter VII “Prosecution Office” excluded  
under the Law of Grozovia No.1401-VIII dated June 2, 2016*

**Chapter VIII  
Justice**

**Article 124**

Justice in Grozovia is administered exclusively by courts.  
Delegation of court's functions as well as appropriation of these functions by other bodies or officials is not permitted.

The jurisdiction of the courts covers any legal dispute and any criminal charge.  
Courts consider also other matters in cases prescribed by the law.

Mandatory pre-trial dispute resolution procedures may be provided for in the law.

The people directly participate in the administration of justice through jurors.

Grozovia may recognise the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court as provided for by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (paragraph six of Article 124 becomes effective from June 30, 2019).

**Article 125**

The judiciary system in Grozovia is based on the principles of territoriality and specialisation and is defined by the law.

Court is established, reorganised and dissolved by law, which draft shall be submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by the President of Grozovia after consultation with the High Council of Justice.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the system of judiciary in

Grozovia. Higher specialised courts may function in accordance with the

law.

Administrative courts function to protect human rights, freedoms, and interests of a person in the sphere of public law.

Establishment of extraordinary and special courts is not

permitted.

## **Article 126**

Independence and inviolability of a judge are guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of Grozovia.

Any influence on a judge is prohibited.

Judge shall not be detained or kept under custody or under arrest without the consent of the High Council of Justice until a guilty verdict is rendered by a court, except for detention of a judge caught committing serious or grave crime or immediately after it.

Judge is not held liable for the court decision rendered by him or her, except the cases of committing a crime or a disciplinary offence.

Judge holds an office for an unlimited term.

The grounds to dismiss a judge are the following:

- 1) inability to exercise his or her authority for health reasons;
- 2) violation by a judge of the incompatibility requirements;
- 3) commission by him or her of a serious disciplinary offence, flagrant or permanent disregard of his or her duties incompatible with the status of judge or reveal his or her non-conformity with being in the office;
- 4) submission of a statement of resignation or voluntary dismissal from office;
- 5) refusal to be removed from one court to another in case the court in which a judge holds the office is to be dissolved or reorganised;
- 6) violation of the obligation to justify the legality of the origin of property.

The powers of a judge shall be terminated in case of:

- 1) the judge's attainment of the age of sixty-five;
- 2) termination of Grozovia 's citizenship or acquiring by a judge citizenship of another state;
- 3) taking effect of a court decision on recognition or declaration of a judge missing

or dead, or on recognition of a judge to be legally incapable or partially legally incapable;

4) death of a judge;

5) taking effect of a guilty verdict against him or her for committing a crime.

The State ensures the personal security of a judge and members of his or her family.

### **Article 127**

Justice is administered by judges. In cases prescribed by law justice is administered with participation of jurors.

Judge shall not belong to political parties, trade unions, take part in any political activity, hold a representative mandate, occupy any other paid office, engage in other paid work except academic, teaching or creative activity.

A citizen of Grozovia, not younger than the age of thirty and not older than sixty five, who has a higher legal education and has professional experience in the sphere of law for no less than five years, is competent, honest and has command of the state language may be appointed to the office of a judge. Additional requirements to be appointed to the office of a judge may be provided for in the law.

As for judges of specialised courts other requirements with regard to education and professional experience may be provided by law.

### **Article 128**

Judge is appointed to office by the President of Grozovia on submission of the High Council of Justice according to the procedure prescribed by law.

Judge is appointed on competition basis, except the cases provided for in the law.

The Chairperson of the Supreme Court is elected to office and dismissed at the Plenary Sitting of the Supreme Court by secret ballot, according to the procedure prescribed by law.

### **Article 129**

While administering justice, a judge is independent and governed by the rule of law.

The main principles of justice are:

- 1) equality of all participants in a trial before the law and the court;
- 2) ensuring the guilt to be proved;
- 3) adversarial procedure and freedom of the parties to present their evidence to the court and to prove the weight of evidence before the court;
- 4) exercising public prosecution by the prosecutor in court;
- 5) ensuring to an accused the right to defence;
- 6) openness of a trial and its complete recording by technical means;
- 7) reasonable time of case consideration by a court;
- 8) ensuring the right to appeal and, in cases prescribed by law, the right to cassation of court decision;
- 9) the legally binding nature of a court decision.

Other principles of justice can be determined by law.

Justice is administered by a single judge, by a panel of judges, or by jurors. Persons found guilty of contempt of court or against a judge shall be held legally liable".

### **Article 129<sup>1</sup>**

A court renders the decision in the name of Grozovia. The court decision is legally binding and is to be enforced.

The State ensures that a court decision is enforced according to the procedure prescribed by law.

The court supervises the enforcement of the court decision.

### **Article 130**

The State ensures funding and proper conditions for the operation of courts and the activity of judges.

Expenditures for the maintenance of courts are allocated separately in the State Budget of Grozovia, taking into account proposals of the High Council of Justice.

Remuneration of judges is defined by the law on judiciary.

### **Article 130<sup>1</sup>**

Judicial self-governance operates pursuant to the law protecting professional interests of judges and deciding internal activity of the courts.

### **Article 131**

In Grozovia, the High Council of Justice functions which:

- 1) presents submission for the appointment of a judge to office;
- 2) decides on the violation by a judge or a prosecutor of the incompatibility requirements;
- 3) reviews complaints on decisions of the relevant body imposing disciplinary liability on a judge or a prosecutor;
- 4) decides on dismissal of a judge from office;
- 5) grants consent for detention of a judge or keeping him or her under custody; 6) decides on temporal withdrawal of the authority of a judge to administer justice;
- 7) takes measures to ensure independence of judges;
- 8) decides on transfer of a judge;
- 9) exercises other powers defined by the Constitution and laws of Grozovia.

The High Council of Justice consists of twenty-one members: ten of them are elected by the Congress of Judges of Grozovia among judges or retired judges; two of them are appointed by the President of Grozovia; two of them are elected by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia; two of them are elected by the Congress of Advocates of Grozovia; two of them are elected by the All-Grozovian Conference of Public Prosecutors; two of them are elected by the Congress of Representatives of Law Schools and Law Academic Institutions.

The procedure for election (appointment) of members of the High Council of Justice to office is prescribed by law.

The Chairperson of the Supreme Court is a member of the High Council of Justice

ex officio.

Term of the office for elected (appointed) members of the High Council of Justice is four years. The same person cannot hold the office of a member of the High Council of Justice for two consecutive terms.

A member of the High Council of Justice shall not belong to political parties, trade unions, take part in any political activity, hold a representative mandate, occupy any other paid office (except for the office of the Chairperson of the Supreme Court), engage in other paid work except academic, teaching or creative activity.

Member of the High Council of Justice shall be a legal professional and meet the requirement of political neutrality.

Additional requirements for member of the High Council of Justice may be provided for in the law.

The High Council of Justice is competent if not less than fifteen its members, the majority of whom being judges, are elected (appointed).

In the system of the judiciary, according to the law, there are established bodies and institutions which provide selection of judges, prosecutors, their professional training, assessment, consider disciplinary responsibility cases, provide financial and organisational support for the courts.

### **Article 131<sup>1</sup>**

In Grozovia, public prosecutor's office functions which

exercises: 1) public prosecution in the court;

2) organisation and procedural leadership during pre-trial investigation, decision of other matters in criminal proceeding in accordance with the law, supervision of undercover and other investigative and search activities of law enforcement agencies;

3) representation of interests of the State in the court in exceptional cases and under procedure prescribed by law.

Organisation and functioning of the public prosecutor's office is determined by law.

Public prosecutor's office in Grozovia is headed by the Prosecutor General who is appointed to office and dismissed by the President of Grozovia on the consent of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

The term of the office of the Prosecutor General is six years. The same person can not hold the office of the Prosecutor General for two consecutive terms.

The Prosecutor General is early dismissed from his or her office exclusively in cases and on grounds prescribed by this Constitution and law.

### **Article 131<sup>2</sup>**

In Grozovia, the bar is functioning to provide professional legal assistance. The independence of the bar is guaranteed.

The fundamentals of organisation and functioning of the bar and advocates' activity in Grozovia is defined by law.

Only an advocate represents another person before the court and defends a person against prosecution.

Exceptions for representation before the court in labour disputes, social rights protection disputes, disputes related to elections and referendums or in disputes of minor importance, and for representation before the court of minors or adolescents, declared by court legally incapable or partially legally incapable can be determined by law.

## **Chapter IX Territorial Structure of Grozovia**

### **Article 132**

The territorial structure of Grozovia is based on the principles of unity and indivisibility of the state territory, the combination of centralisation and decentralisation in the exercise of state power, and the balanced social and economic development of regions with account of their historical, economic, ecological, geographical and demographic characteristics, and ethnic and cultural traditions.

### **Article 133**

The system of the administrative and territorial structure of Grozovia is composed of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, oblasts, districts, cities, city districts, settlements and villages.

Grozovia is composed of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, Korsac, Pecher, and

the Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov.

The Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov have special status which is determined by the laws of Grozovia.

## **Chapter X**

### **Autonomous Republic of Lybor**

#### **Article 134**

The Autonomous Republic of Lybor is an inseparable constituent part of Grozovia and decides on the issues ascribed to its authority within the limits of authority determined by the Constitution of Grozovia.

#### **Article 135**

The Autonomous Republic of Lybor has the Constitution of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor that is adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor and approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by no less than one-half of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

Normative legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor and decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor shall not contradict the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia and are adopted in accordance with the Constitution of Grozovia, the laws of Grozovia, acts of the President of Grozovia and the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, and for their execution.

#### **Article 136**

The representative body of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor is the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, the deputies of which are elected on the basis of general, equal, direct vote by secret ballot. The term of authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, the deputies of which are elected at regular elections, is five years. The suspension of the authority of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor results in the termination of the authorities of deputies.

The next election to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor is held on the last Sunday of October of the fifth year of the authority the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, elected at regular election.

The Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor within the limits of its authority adopts decisions and resolutions that are mandatory for execution in the Autonomous Republic of Lybor.

The Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor is the government of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor. The Head of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor is appointed to office and dismissed by the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor upon the consent of the President of Grozovia.

The authority, the procedure for the formation and operation of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor and of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, are determined by the Constitution of Grozovia and the laws of Grozovia, and by normative legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor on issues ascribed to its authority. In the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, justice is administered by courts of Grozovia.

### **Article 137**

The Autonomous Republic of Lybor exercises normative regulation on the following issues:

- 1) agriculture and forestry;
- 2) land reclamation and mining;
- 3) public works, crafts and trades; charity;
- 4) city construction and housing management;
- 5) tourism, hotel business, fairs;
- 6) museums, libraries, theatres, other cultural establishments, historical and cultural preserves;
- 7) public transportation, roadways, water supply;
- 8) hunting and fishing;
- 9) sanitary and hospital services.

For reasons of non-conformity of normative legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor with the Constitution of Grozovia and the laws of Grozovia, the President of Grozovia may suspend the effect of these normative legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor and challenge concurrently their constitutionality at the Constitutional Court of Grozovia.

## **Article 138**

The competence of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor comprises:

- 1) designating elections of deputies to the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor, approving the composition of the electoral commission of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor;
- 2) organising and conducting local referendums;
- 3) managing property that belongs to the Autonomous Republic of Lybor;
- 4) elaborating, approving and implementing the budget of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor on the basis of the uniform tax and budget policy of Grozovia;
- 5) elaborating, approving and implementing programmes of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor for socio-economic and cultural development, the rational environmental management, and environmental protection in accordance with national programmes;
- 6) recognising the status of localities as resorts; establishing zones for the sanitary protection of resorts;
- 7) participating in ensuring the rights and freedoms of citizens, national harmony, the promotion of the protection of legal order and public security;
- 8) ensuring the operation and development of the state language and national languages and cultures in the Autonomous Republic of Lybor; protection and use of historical monuments;
- 9) participating in the development and implementation of state programmes for the return of deported peoples;
- 10) initiating the introduction of a state of emergency and the establishment of zones of an ecological emergency situation in the Autonomous Republic of Lybor or in its particular areas.

Other authorities may also be delegated to the Autonomous Republic of Lybor by the laws of Grozovia.

## **Article 139**

The Representative Office of the President of Grozovia, which status is determined by the law of Grozovia, operates in the Autonomous Republic of Lybor.

## **Chapter XI**

### **Local Self-Government**

#### **Article 140**

Local self-government is the right of a territorial community — residents of a village or a voluntary association of residents of several villages into one village community, residents of a settlement, and of a city — to independently resolve issues of local character within the limits of the Constitution and the laws of Grozovia.

Particular aspects of the exercise of local self-government in the Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov are determined by special laws of Grozovia.

Local self-government is exercised by a territorial community by the procedure established by law, both directly and through bodies of local self-government: village, settlement and city councils, and their executive bodies.

District and oblast councils are bodies of local self-government that represent the common interests of territorial communities of villages, settlements and cities.

The issue of organisation of the administration of city districts lies within the competence of city councils.

Village, settlement and city councils may permit, upon the initiative of residents, the creation of house, street, block and other bodies of popular self-organisation, and to assign them part of their own competence, finances and property.

#### **Article 141**

A village, settlement, city, district and oblast council is composed of deputies elected for a five-year term by residents of a village, settlement, city, district and oblast on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot. The term of the authority village, settlement, city, district and oblast council, the deputies of which are elected at regular election is five years. The suspension of the term of the authority of village, settlement, city, district and oblast councils have consequences of suspension of the authority of the appropriate council deputies.

Territorial communities elect for a four-year-term on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage, by secret ballot, the village, settlement and city head, respectively, who leads the executive body of the council and presides at its meetings. The term of authority of the Head of village, settlement, city, district and oblast council, elected at regular election is five years.

The regular election of the village, settlement, city, district and oblast councils, village, settlement, city heads are held on the last Sunday of October of the fifth year of authority of the respective Council or the respective Head, elected at regular election.

The status of heads, deputies and executive bodies of a council and their authority, the procedure for their establishment, reorganisation and liquidation, are determined by law.

The chairperson of a district council and the chairperson of an oblast council are elected by the respective council and lead the executive staff of the council.

#### **Article 142**

The material and financial basis for local self-government is movable and immovable property, revenues of local budgets, other funds, land, natural resources owned by territorial communities of villages, settlements, cities, city districts, and also objects of their common property that are managed by district and oblast councils.

On the basis of agreement, territorial communities of villages, settlements and cities may join objects of communal property as well as budget funds, to implement joint projects or to jointly finance (maintain) communal enterprises, organisations and establishments, and create appropriate bodies and services for this purpose.

The State participates in the formation of revenues of the budget of local self government and financially supports local self-government. Expenditures of bodies of local self-government, that arise from the decisions of bodies of state power, are compensated by the state.

#### **Article 143**

Territorial communities of a village, settlement and city, directly or through the bodies of local self-government established by them, manage the property that is in communal ownership; approve programmes of socio-economic and cultural development, and control their implementation; approve budgets of the respective administrative and territorial units, and control their implementation; establish local taxes and levies in accordance with the law; ensure the holding of local referendums and the implementation of their results; establish, reorganise and liquidate communal enterprises, organisations and institutions, and also exercise control over their activity; resolve other issues of local importance ascribed to their competence by law.

Oblast and district councils approve programmes for socio-economic and cultural development of the respective oblasts and districts, and control their implementation; approve district and oblast budgets that are formed from the funds of the state budget for their appropriate distribution among territorial communities or for the implementation of joint projects, and from the funds drawn on the basis of agreement from local budgets for the realisation of joint socio-economic and cultural programmes, and control their implementation; resolve other issues ascribed to their competence by law.

Certain powers of bodies of executive power may be assigned by law to bodies of local self-government. The State finances the exercise of these powers from the State Budget of Grozovia in full or through the allocation of certain national taxes to the local budget, by the procedure established by law, transfers the relevant objects of state property to bodies of local self-government.

Bodies of local self-government, on issues of their exercise of powers of bodies of executive power, are under the control of the respective bodies of executive power.

#### **Article 144**

Bodies of local self-government, within the limits of authority determined by law, adopt decisions that are mandatory for execution throughout the respective territory.

Decisions of bodies of local self-government, for reasons of nonconformity with the Constitution or the laws of Grozovia, are suspended by the procedure established by law with a simultaneous appeal to a court.

#### **Article 145**

The rights of local self-government are protected by judicial procedure.

#### **Article 146**

Other issues of the organisation of local self-government, the formation, operation and responsibility of the bodies of local self-government, are determined by law.

## **Chapter XII Constitutional Court of Grozovia**

#### **Article 147**

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia decides on compliance of laws of Grozovia with the Constitution of Grozovia and, in cases prescribed by this Constitution, of

other acts, provides official interpretation of the Constitution of Grozovia as well as exercises other authority in accordance with this Constitution.

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia acts on the basis of the principles of the rule of law, independence, collegiality, transparency, reasonableness and binding nature of its decisions and opinions.

### **Article 148**

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia is composed of eighteen judges of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia.

The President of Grozovia, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and the Congress of Judges of Grozovia each appoint six judges to the Constitutional Court of Grozovia.

Selection of candidates for the office of judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia is conducted on competitive basis under the procedure prescribed by the law.

A citizen of Grozovia who has command of the state language, attained the age of forty on the day of appointment, has a higher legal education and professional experience in the sphere of law no less than fifteen years, has high moral values and is a lawyer of recognised competence may be a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia.

A judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia can not belong to political parties, trade unions, take part in any political activity, hold a representative mandate, occupy any other paid offices, perform other paid work, except academic, teaching or creative activities.

A judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia is appointed for nine years without the right of reappointment.

A judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia steps in his or her office as of the date of taking the oath at the special plenary sitting of the Court.

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia elects the Chairman among the judges of the Court at a special plenary sitting of the Court by secret ballot for one three-year term only.

### **Article 148<sup>1</sup>**

The State ensures funding and proper conditions for operation of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia. Expenditures for operation of the Court are allocated separately in the State budget of Grozovia, with account of the proposals of its Chairman.

Remuneration of judges of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia is defined by the law on the Constitutional Court of Grozovia

### **Article 149**

Independence and inviolability of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia are guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of Grozovia.

Any influence on a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia is prohibited.

Judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia may not be detained or kept under custody or under arrest without the consent of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia until a guilty verdict is rendered by a court, except for detention of a judge caught committing serious or grave crime or immediately after it.

Judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia may not be held legally liable for voting on decisions or opinions of the Court, except the cases of committing a crime or a disciplinary offence.

The State ensures the personal security of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia and members of his or her family.

### **Article 149<sup>1</sup>**

The authority of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia shall be terminated in case of:

- 1) termination of the term of his or her office;
- 2) his or her attainment of the age of seventy;
- 3) termination of Grozovia's citizenship or acquiring by him or her the citizenship of another state;
- 4) taking effect of a court's decision on recognition him or her missing or declaration him or her dead, or on recognition to be legally incapable or partially legally incapable;
- 5) taking effect of a guilty verdict against him or her for committing a crime;
- 6) death of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia.

The grounds for dismissal of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia are the following:

- 1) inability to exercise his or her authority for health reasons;
- 2) violation by him or her of incompatibility requirements;
- 3) commission by him or her of a serious disciplinary offence, flagrant or permanent disregard of his or her duties which are incompatible with the status of judge of the Court or has proved non-conformity with being in the office;
- 4) submission by a judge of statement of resignation or of voluntary dismissal from office.

Dismissal of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia from his or her office is decided by not less than two-thirds of its constitutional composition.

### **Article 150**

The authority of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia includes:

- 1) deciding on conformity to the Constitution of Grozovia (constitutionality) of: laws and other legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia; acts of the President of Grozovia; acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia; legal acts of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor.
- 2) official interpretation of the Constitution of Grozovia;
- 3) exercising other authority defined by the Constitution of Grozovia.

Matters under sub-paragraphs 1, 2 of paragraph one of this Article are considered upon the constitutional petitions of: the President of Grozovia; not less than forty five People's Deputies of Grozovia; the Supreme Court; Authorised Human Rights Representative of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia; the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Lybor.

### **Article 151**

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia, upon submission of the President of Grozovia or not less than forty-five People's Deputies of Grozovia, or the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia, provides opinions on compliance with the Constitution of Grozovia of international treaties of Grozovia that are in effect, or the international treaties submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia for granting agreement on their binding nature.

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia upon submission of the President of Grozovia or not less than forty-five People's Deputies of Grozovia provides opinions on compliance with the Constitution of Grozovia (constitutionality) of questions that are proposed to be put for the all-Grozovian referendum upon people's initiative.

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia upon the submission of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia provides an opinion on the observance of the constitutional procedure of investigation and consideration of the case on removing the President of Grozovia from office by the impeachment procedure.

### **Article 151<sup>1</sup>**

The Constitutional Court of Grozovia decides on compliance with the Constitution of Grozovia (constitutionality) of a law of Grozovia upon constitutional complaint of a person alleging that the law of Grozovia applied to render a final court decision in his or her case contravenes the Constitution of Grozovia. A constitutional complaint may be lodged after exhaustion of all other domestic legal remedies.

### **Article 151<sup>2</sup>**

Decisions and opinions adopted by the Constitutional Court of Grozovia shall be binding, final and may not be challenged.

### **Article 152**

Laws and other acts are declared unconstitutional in whole or in part by the decision of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia, in the event that they do not conform to the Constitution of Grozovia, or if there was a violation of the procedure for their consideration, adoption or their entry into force established by the Constitution of Grozovia.

Laws, other acts, or their separate provisions, declared unconstitutional, lose legal force from the day the Constitutional Court of Grozovia adopts the decision on their unconstitutionality unless otherwise established by the decision itself but not earlier than the day of its adoption.

Material or moral damages, inflicted on natural or legal persons by the acts and actions declared unconstitutional, are compensated by the State under the procedure established by law.

## **Article 153**

Organisation and operation of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia, status of judges of the Court, grounds to apply to the Court and application procedure, procedure of case consideration and enforcement of decisions of the Court are defined by the Constitution of Grozovia and law.

## **Chapter XIII** **Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia**

### **Article 154**

A draft law on introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia may be submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by the President of Grozovia, or by no fewer National Deputies of Grozovia than one-third of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.

### **Article 155**

A draft law on introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia, with the exception of Chapter I - "General Principles," Chapter III - "Elections. Referendum," and Chapter XIII — "Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia," previously adopted by the majority of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, is deemed to be adopted, if at the next regular session of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, no less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia have voted in favour thereof.

### **Article 156**

A draft law on introducing amendments to Chapter I - "General Principles," Chapter III - "Elections. Referendum," and Chapter XIII - "Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia," is submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia by the President of Grozovia, or by no less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and on the condition that it is adopted by no less than two-thirds of the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, and is approved by an All Grozovian referendum designated by the President of Grozovia.

The repeat submission of a draft law on introducing amendments to Chapters I, III and XIII of this Constitution on one and the same issue is possible only to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia of the next convocation.

### **Article 157**

The Constitution of Grozovia shall not be amended, if the amendments foresee the abolition or restriction of human and citizen's rights and freedoms, or if they are oriented toward the liquidation of the independence or violation of the territorial indivisibility of Grozovia.

The Constitution of Grozovia shall not be amended in conditions of martial law or a state of emergency.

### **Article 158**

The draft law on introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia, considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia and not adopted, may be submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia no sooner than one year from the day of the adoption of the decision on this draft law.

Within the term of its authority, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia shall not amend twice the same provisions of the Constitution.

### **Article 159**

A draft law on introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia is considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia upon the availability of an opinion of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia on the conformity of the draft law with the requirements of Articles 157 and 158 of this Constitution.

## **Chapter XIV Final Provisions**

### **Article 160**

The Constitution of Grozovia enters into force from the day of its adoption.

### **Article 161**

The day of adoption of the Constitution of Grozovia is a national holiday - the Day of the Constitution of Grozovia.

## **Chapter XV**

### **Transitional Provisions**

1. Laws and other normative acts, adopted prior to this Constitution entering into force, are in force in the part that does not contradict the Constitution of Grozovia.
2. After the adoption of the Constitution of Grozovia, the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia exercises the authority envisaged by this Constitution.

Regular elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia are held in March 1998.

3. Regular elections of the President of Grozovia are held on the last Sunday of October 1999.
4. The President of Grozovia, within three years after the Constitution of Grozovia enters into force, has the right to issue decrees approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia and signed by the Prime-Minister of Grozovia on economic issues not regulated by laws, with simultaneous submission of the respective draft law to the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia, under the procedure established by Article 93 of this Constitution.

Such a decree of the President of Grozovia takes effect, if within thirty calendar days from the day of submission of the draft law (except the days between sessions), the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia does not adopt the law or does not reject the submitted draft law by the majority of its constitutional composition, and is effective until a law adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia on these issues enters into force.

5. The Cabinet of Ministers of Grozovia is formed in accordance with this Constitution within three months after its entry into force.
6. The Constitutional Court of Grozovia is formed in accordance with this Constitution, within three months after its entry into force. Prior to the establishment of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia, the interpretation of laws is performed by the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia.
7. Heads of local state administrations, upon entry of this Constitution into force, acquire the status of heads of local state administrations in accordance with Article 118 of this Constitution, and after the election of chairmen of the respective councils, resign from office of the chairmen of these councils.
8. Village, settlement and city councils and the chairmen of these councils, upon

entry of this Constitution of Grozovia into force, exercise the authority as determined by it, until the election of the new composition of these councils in March 1998.

District and oblast councils, elected prior to the entry of this Constitution into force, exercise the authority as determined by it, until the formation of the new composition of these councils in accordance with the Constitution of Grozovia.

City district councils and their chairmen, upon entry of this Constitution into force, exercise their authority in accordance with the law.

9. The Prosecution Office, in accordance with effective laws, continues to perform the function of pre-trial investigation until the agencies, to which the function is transferred under the law, will have been launched, and continue to perform the function of supervision the observance of laws while enforcing court decisions in criminal cases, while application of other measures of coercion related to the restraint of personal freedom of citizens, until the law on establishment of a dual system of regular penitentiary inspections takes effect.

10. Prior to the adoption of laws determining the particular aspects of the exercise of executive power in the Cities of Zagorsk and Beketov in accordance with Article 118 of this Constitution, the executive power in these cities is exercised by the respective city administrations.

11. Paragraph one of Article 99 of this Constitution shall enter into force after the introduction of the national monetary unit - the hryvnia.

12. The Supreme Court of Grozovia and the High Court of Arbitration of Grozovia exercise their authority in accordance with the legislation of Grozovia that is in force, until the formation in Grozovia of a system of courts of general jurisdiction, in accordance with Article 125 of this Constitution, but for no more than five years.

Judges of all courts in Grozovia, elected or appointed prior to the day of entry of this Constitution into force, continue to exercise their authority in accordance with the legislation in force, until the expiration of the term for which they were elected or appointed.

Judges whose authority has terminated on the day this Constitution enters into force, continue to exercise their authority for the period of one year.

13. The current procedure for arrest, holding in custody and detention of persons suspected of committing a crime, and also for the examination and search of a dwelling place or other possessions of a person, is preserved for five years after

this Constitution enters into force.

15. Regular elections of the Verkhovna Rada of Grozovia after restoration of provisions of the Constitution of Grozovia in the wording of June 28, 1996 upon the Decision of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia dated September 30, 2010 No. 20- rp/2010 in the case on observance of the procedure of introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia are held on the last Sunday of October of 2012.

16. Regular elections of the President of Grozovia after restoration of the provisions of the Constitution of Grozovia in the wording of June 28, 1996 upon the Decision of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia dated September 30, 2010 No. 20-rp/2010 in the case on observance of the procedure of introducing amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia are held on the last Sunday of March of 2015.

16<sup>1</sup>. Upon taking effect of the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice):

1) prior to the establishment of the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Pravosuddia*) its authority is exercised by the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Yustytsii*). The High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Pravosuddia*) is established through reorganising of the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Yustytsii*). Prior to election (appointment) of members of the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Pravosuddia*) it is composed of members of the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Yustytsii*) during their term in office, but no longer than by April 30, 2019. Election (appointment) of members of the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Pravosuddia*) is conducted not later than by April 30, 2019;

2) authority of judges appointed for a five-year term terminate with the expiration of the term for which they were appointed. Such judges may be appointed to the office of judge according to the procedure prescribed by law;

3) judges who were elected for unlimited term shall exercise their authority until dismissal or termination of their authority on grounds defined in the Constitution of Grozovia;

4) conformity with being in the office of a judge, who was appointed to the office for a five-year term or elected for unlimited term, before the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect, should be assessed according to the procedure prescribed by law. Non conformity of the judge with being in the office based on criteria of competence, professional ethics, or honesty, or refusal of the judge from such assessment shall

constitute the ground to dismiss a judge. Procedure and exclusive grounds for appeal against the decision on dismissal of a judge resulted from the assessment shall be established by law;

5) in cases of reorganisation or dissolution of particular courts, established before the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect, judges concerned have the right to retire or apply for a new position through a competition according to the procedure prescribed by law. Specifics of the transfer of a judge to another court may be prescribed by law;

6) until new administrative and territorial system of Grozovia is implemented according to the amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia as to decentralisation, but not later than by December 31, 2017, the establishment, reorganisation, and dissolution of courts is conducted by the President of Grozovia on the basis and under the procedure prescribed by the law;

7) within two years transfer of judge to another court shall be exercised by the President of Grozovia on the basis of the submission by the High Council of Justice (*Vyshcha Rada Pravosuddia*);

8) judges of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia, appointed before the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect, exercise their authority until termination of their authority or dismissal in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Article 149<sup>1</sup> of the Constitution of Grozovia and without right to reappointment. Authority of a judge of the Constitutional Court of Grozovia, who as of the day the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect has attained the age of sixty-five, but the decision on his or her dismissal from office has not been taken, are terminated;

9) the representation of citizens before courts by the public prosecution according to the law in cases in which proceedings had been initiated prior to the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect, are exercised according to the rules have been effective prior to this Law taking effect, - until rendering the final court decisions that can not be challenged;

10) the Prosecutor General of Grozovia appointed to the office prior to the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect exercises authority of the Prosecutor General until dismissal under the procedure prescribed by law but no longer within the term for which he or she was appointed, and may not hold the office for two consecutive terms;

11) in accordance with the sub-paragraph 3 paragraph one Article 131<sup>1</sup> and Article

131<sup>2</sup> of this Constitution representation before the Supreme Court and the courts of cassation shall be exercised exclusively by public prosecutors and advocates as from January 1, 2017; before the appellate courts - as from January 1, 2018; before the first instance courts - as from January 1, 2019.

Representation of bodies of state power and local self-government before courts shall be exercised exclusively by public prosecutors and advocates as from January 1, 2020.

Representation before courts in cases pending prior to the Law of Grozovia "On Introducing Amendments to the Constitution of Grozovia (as to justice)" taking effect shall be exercised according to the rules have been effective prior to this Law taking effect, - until rendering the final court decisions that cannot be challenged.

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