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## CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF CITIZENS IN UKRAINE

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According to the current legislation of Ukraine, a citizen of Ukraine, a foreigner, a stateless person and any other person has the scope of rights and obligations determined by the Constitution of Ukraine, the Civil Code of Ukraine, the existing legal acts of Ukraine and international treaties.

Human rights are degree of individual freedom guaranteed by law, its ability to operate freely, to choose the type and extent of a person's own behavior aimed to meet the material and spiritual needs through the use of society and the state benefits within the limits determined by national and international law.

Constitutional rights and freedoms are inalienable and inviolable. It means that all people are free from birth and no one can deprive them of their legal rights.

All men are equal in the extent of their rights and freedoms. Realization of the rights and obligations of one person must not violate the rights and duties of other citizens, society and state interests.

The Constitution of Ukraine determines equal rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen regardless of gender, race, nationality, language, origin, place of residence, religion.

Adopted scope of rights and freedoms can not be narrowed when adopting new laws or amending existing legislation. The rights are inexhaustible (though their amount may be increased) and guaranteed by the state.

Ukrainian Constitution ensures equal rights to men and women (Article 24, Section II). Women are provided with equal opportunities in social, political and cultural activity, in getting

education and training, labor and rewards. Special measures for the safety and health of women, providing pension benefits; creating conditions allowing to combine work and motherhood; legal protection, material and moral support to mothers and children, including paid leaves and other benefits for pregnant women and mothers are guaranteed by the country's fundamental documents.

Foreigners and stateless persons who are in Ukraine on legal grounds enjoy the same rights and freedoms as citizens of Ukraine. Also, these individuals have the same duties as Ukrainian citizens. Foreigners and stateless persons may be granted with asylum in the order prescribed by law.

It's common known that Constitutional rights and liberties are guaranteed to every person. The highest guarantee of rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen is Ukraine's constitutional order based on strict observance of the Constitution and laws of Ukraine, international law, generally recognized principles.

The state is the subject, charged with duties to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the citizens. This function is provided by the state through the entire system of government.

The most common documents, which are fully reconciled with the Constitution regulations are the following: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the International Treaty on Civil and Political Rights (1966), the International Treaty on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966), the European Convention on Human Rights and fundamental freedoms and its Protocols (1950), the European Social charter (1961), etc.

Thus, according to the Constitution of Ukraine a man and a citizen in this country enjoys a certain amount of rights and freedoms defined in the current legislation of the country and international agreements guaranteed by the state. All persons are equal and there are no restrictions or preferences based on race, ethnicity, gender, language, origin, place of residence, religion.