The Ukrainian Orthodox Church regards the law on subordination of religious organizations adopted by the Verkhovna Rada as a violation of the Constitution of Ukraine

The bill No. 4128-d on subordination of religious organizations and procedure of state registration of religious organizations with the status of legal entity, adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on January 17, 2019, violates the Constitution and international obligations of Ukraine, Archbishop Clement of Nezhin and Priluki, chairman of the UOC Information and Education Department, said to a correspondent of TASS news agency.

“This law, introducing changes to the subordination of religious communities, is a flagrant violation of the Constitution of Ukraine and the international obligations that it took on as a law-governed democratic state,” Archbishop Clement added and noted that this legislative act brutally violates the fundamental rights and freedoms of believers. “It is confirmed by reports of authoritative international organizations monitoring religious legislation,” the hierarch said.

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