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PRESS RELEASE: 7 July 2026: Ukrainian Law Reform Reception and Dinner in London

On 7 July 2026 the British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC) held its London monthly meeting on Ukrainian Law Reform with a **presentation by the Ukrainian MP Oleksandr Vasiuk**. Mr. Vasiuk, a graduate of the Yaroslav Mudryi Law School in Kharkiv, coordinated the legal team for President Zelenskyy's election campaign in 2019, and is an active member of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy.

BUCC Introduction

The BUCC's Co-Chair, Bate Toms introduced Mr. Vasiuk, and also reviewed the BUCC's past and current activities for law reform in Ukraine, including:

- 1) Holding, the **2015 Black Sea Economic Forum**, with the Ukrainian Minister of Agriculture, that led to curing the serious problem with Ukrainian land lease law by new legislation so that agricultural land leases could again be valid;
- 2) Organizing the **2018 Ukrainian Week in London** at the Savoy, RUSI and the EBRD, with the UK Secretary of State for Trade and the Ukrainian First Deputy Prime Minister, that facilitated agreement on a UK-Ukraine trade treaty;
- 3) Holding the June 2023 **Reception for Ukraine** for 250 persons at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London on how the UK can assist for the on-going, and later the post-war, reconstruction of Ukraine.

Mr Toms also mentioned the BUCC's project for a Swedish style Judicial Ombudsman as a "Silver Bullet" to reduce current court corruption, as well as its campaign to increase political/conflict risk insurance through MIGA and SURE, and the BUCC's projects to treat PTSD in veterans and to promote SME development in Ukraine.

Oleksandr Vasiuk's Presentation

Mr. Vasiuk spoke on his current activities to reform and improve the Ukrainian legal system (his speech is attached). He explained how **judicial reform is important, both for EU accession, and most importantly, for Ukraine's reconstruction and development**. For that, investments must be protected, contracts must work, businesses must have predictable rules and citizens must have access to fair courts.

He noted that Ukrainian courts have continued despite the full-scale war, which is an achievement, but more must be done, and is being done, to reform the judicial system. Importantly, the foundations of the High Council of Justice and the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine have been restored, which is important to select high-quality judges and address the current shortage of judges. Another important aspect of the judicial system is **enforcement of court decisions**. Enforcement is essential to keep the trust of investors, citizens and others in the system. Reform is needed to achieve better enforcement. He observed that effective justice is not just a legal issue, but also a fundamental part of Ukraine's economic policy to ensure that Ukraine is attractive to investors and businessman, including for the reconstruction of Ukraine.

Finally, Mr. Vasiuk covered how **Ukraine will be increasingly digitizing the justice system** to encourage speed, fairness and transparency. **He noted how successful Ukraine has already been in the digitalisation of state administrative services through Diia**, that has over 22 million users for everything from obtaining a digital passport to the registration of a sole proprietor for a business. For a generally long-term recovery and more rapid reconstruction, Mr. Vasiuk concluded that it is necessary in Ukraine that "rules [be] the same for everyone,... institutions work stably, court decisions [have] force, and...citizen and business understand that the state is able to protect their rights... **It is needed... for the Ukraine we want to see after victory.**"









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