IFES Ukraine Statement

To allow for timely procurement for the July 21 elections the Verkhovna Rada must immediately adopt draft law #10317

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IFES Ukraine, alongside supporters of democratic elections throughout Ukraine, call on the Verkhovna Rada to immediately adopt draft law #10317. Adopting #10317 will amend the Public Procurement Law and allow for a timely and orderly administration of the July 21 early parliamentary elections.

For instance, under the existing Prozorro procurement rules, the Central Election Commission (CEC) will require 70 days to procure ballot papers, but only 54 days remain to election day. Also, the timely purchase of other much needed election material, such as additional ballot boxes and printing of protocol forms, is in jeopardy under the existing procurement rules.

The CEC has repeatedly, and latest at a May 27 press conference, called upon the Rada, the Cabinet of Ministers and the President to resolve this matter.

The Rada must act now and adopt the already registered draft law #10317.