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# “DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED SOCIAL SERVICES FOR EXPOSED FAMILIES AND CHILDREN”



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## MONTHLY SURVEY OF THE NEW REGULATIONS AND DRAFT REGULATIONS RELATED TO CHILD CARE AND THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION (August 2006)

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### I. General Provisions

Finally, the new government of Ukraine was formed in August 2006. However, President of Ukraine and Cabinet of Ministers approved none regulations for the exposed families and children care and, correspondingly, the Project objectives.

Verkhovna Rada scheduled the parliament hearings on the situation of youth in Ukraine (concerning public support for young families and improvement of social care for children and youth in 2001-2006) on December 20, 2006 (Resolution N 65 of August 3, 2006).

### II. Expected impacts on the Project objectives

1. The developments in Ukrainian legislation in August 2006 did not concern the procedures of placement of orphans and children removed from parental care directly.

1.1. However, it's noteworthy that Verkhovna Rada approved the law “On ratifying the European Convention on the Exercise of Children’s Rights” of 1996, N 69 of August 3, 2006, which is not effective yet. As it was noted in the previous survey, President of Ukraine had initiated ratifying that international instrument related to courts decisions on fostering, custody, removal or disputes on parental rights, children’s residence, other legal cases as for relations between children and their parents, and ones of personal concern for a child and his or her family (education, restoring parental rights, trusteeship etc.)

2.1. On August 13, 2006, the law on Ukraine’s joining the UN Convention on the recovery abroad of maintenance of 1956 (N 15 of July 20, 2006) came into effect. This law authorizes Ministry of Justice to take any measures related to submitting and executing applications, court decisions and other legal papers for the recovery of maintenance from the defendants residing in other participating countries.

3. None other legal developments in August, 2006, are of importance for the Project objectives.

### III. Legislative Proposals in Verkhovna Rada

In August 2006, several legislative proposals related to the Project objectives were submitted to Verkhovna Rada.

First, this is a draft law Verkhovna Rada “On amending some laws of Ukraine concerning public allowances for pregnancy and birth” (N 1286, submitted by A. Scherban). The major proposals are to increase minimum public allowances for a minimum living standard and cancel the reservation of the minimum allowances as large as only 25% of this amount.

Second, a draft law “On amending the family code concerning increased maintenance amounts for children” (N 2014, submitted by M. Tomenko). This bill also requires increasing the minimum amount of maintenance up to the minimum living standard instead of 30% of this amount currently.