



Newsletter of the

## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Donetsk People's Republic**

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### **The main events of the Republic**

**(from February 4 to February 7)**

#### ***1. The Head of the Donetsk People's Republic Denis Pushilin held a meeting on countering corruption in the state***

The Head of the DPR stated that the media, educational institutions and social activists of the DPR should take an active part in the fight against corruption and in the corruption crimes prevention:

“Without the help of people, law enforcement efforts will be ineffective. Corruption exists with the tacit consent of society. Everyone condemns it, but when it comes to filing an application with the prosecutor's office, people prefer to stay inactive” - said the Head of the DPR. – “Intolerance to manifestations of corruption should become the norm in our society. Each of its cases, regardless of the amount of a bribe, should be perceived by people as a shame. And the official's standard behavior should be honest service to society. ”

#### ***2. The Donetsk People's Republic is visited by a delegation from Germany***

On February 5-6, a delegation of German politicians and businessmen visited Donetsk. The delegation included a member of the Berlin Chamber of Deputies, a member of the International Commission on Human Rights, Gunnar Lindemann, deputy chairman of the National Forum of Representatives of Medium-sized Enterprises, member of the board of the regional branch of the Alternative for Germany party, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Richard Gretzinger, member of the National Forum of Representatives of Medium-sized Enterprises, professor Henning Zoz.

During the visit, guests from Germany held a number of meetings with the leadership of Republic, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs Natalia Nikonorova, the Minister of Economic Development Alexei Polovyan and the Minister of Industry and Trade Eduard Armatov. These meetings were devoted to discussing the prospects for further cooperation between the Republic and Germany, including in the field of business and investment.

Also, the German delegates visited the Legatus Youth Diplomacy Center and Donetsk National University, where meetings were held with students and the media. In addition, foreign representatives visited a children's social center, the director of which was given material resources collected by caring residents of Germany, and a neurological hospital, where guests examined medical equipment and talked with doctors and patients.

### **3. DPR Foreign Minister Natalya Nikonorova condemned the calls of French politicians to amend or detail the Minsk Agreements**

The Ambassador of France to Ukraine Etienne de Poncins in the interview with the Ukrainian television channel "Public Television" said that a number of points of the Minsk agreements need to be changed, clarified and detailed.

Natalia Nikonorova in her statement warned about the destructiveness of such statements:

«The Ukrainian party continues to increase the momentum of its media campaign to disperse the thesis that the Minsk agreements supposedly need to be rewritten or otherwise changed. Unfortunately, under pressure from Kiev, representatives of foreign states began to join these destructive information provocations.

Once again, we recall that the agreements signed in Minsk are a difficult compromise that was reached solely for the opportunity to peacefully resolve the conflict. At one time, we, having the advantage, nevertheless made significant concessions to the Ukrainian party in terms of agreeing and approving precisely such a content of the political items of the Package of Measures and precisely such a sequence, which was subsequently fixed by both parties to the conflict, and was also approved by the guarantor countries and UN Security Council. We did not agree to any "clarification", a change in the "sequence of actions" or a search for "interpretations". Accordingly, calls for this, especially from representatives of France as one of the Normandy Four states, can create additional difficulties for the process of peaceful settlement, which is already extremely complicated.

It should be noted that the guarantors of the Minsk Agreements also have obligations that are enshrined in the Declaration in support of the Package of Measures and consist in full adherence to exactly those provisions that are prescribed in this international legal act. In this regard, we urge Western diplomats to stop supporting Kiev in its desire to revise those agreements on which the life and well-being of millions of people in Donbass depend».