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**CONTROL SYSTEM OF UKRAINIAN INTELLIGENCE**

The main problem of the democratic control over intelligence services in Ukraine derives from the fact that the Ukrainian society has not yet covered its way from totalitarianism to democracy.

For the years of independence a legal framework has been created, providing regulation of the special services activity and the basic principles of the civilian democratic control of them. But the mechanisms of an efficient control are not sufficiently developed:

1. The parliamentary control is often superficial and does not allow to thoroughly evaluate the efficiency of the intelligence agencies.

2. The financial control over special services activities, practiced in democratic societies, is not sufficiently applied.

3. The Ukrainian legislation fixes several kinds of special activity, the criteria of which are sometimes ambiguous and often lack a general system basis.

4. A major human factor slowing down the process of implementing an efficient democratic control system is the inertia of old thinking and underdeveloped democratic traditions in the society.

To enhance the intelligence and law enforcement agencies efficiency without damage to the democratic values, Ukraine must speed up its development towards a European type civil society, strengthen parliamentarism and implement European approaches to regulation of the special services activity.