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**PROSPECTS OF FORMATION OF THE SYSTEM
OF FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POPULATION OF UKRAINE**

One of the main priorities of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and its territorial bodies for the current year is the formation of a system of providing free legal assistance to the disadvantaged population.

Ukrainian legislation contains different provisions that regulate issues concerning the provision of free legal assistance; however, there is no system that would provide real access to such assistance.

Ukraine is a party to a set of international agreements in the field of human rights that include provisions on the provision of legal assistance (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms; Convention on the Rights of the Child etc.).

This paper considers issues concerning the Prospects of formation of the system of free legal assistance for the population of Ukraine.

In order to create foundations for introducing the state system of available and quality legal assistance that would correspond to the needs of society, there was adopted the Concept of Formation of the System of Free Legal Assistance on 09 June 2006.

The Concept determines general principles of formation and operation of the system of free legal assistance in Ukraine, as well as full or partial financing, an organization of its management and financing, and also successive stages of formation of such a system.

The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and, accordingly, its territorial bodies, as leading authorities in the system of executive authorities on providing an implementation of the state legal policy, are determined as responsible for the operation of the system of free legal assistance.