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Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Freedom of Conscience and Religious Organizations" were controversially perceived by the religious community. Representatives of some churches and religious organizations have significant concerns about the content of amendments and the procedure of their review in the Ukrainian Parliament.

A vivid discussion on draft Law # 4128 on the change of affiliation to religious center by religious communities occurred during a meeting of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations on 29 June 2016, the [Institute for Religious Freedom reports](#) .

Despite the assurance by **Andriy Yurash**, Director of the Department for Religions and Nationalities to the Minister of Culture of Ukraine, who stated that the draft Law met the OSCE and Venice Commission standards of religious freedom, religious representatives provided a number of critical comments to this initiative.





"It will annihilate religious freedom in Ukraine. No religious community will remain unaffected by these legislative changes," concluded the Ukrainian Jewish Union representative.
Other religious figures did not yet express their attitude to this legislative initiative.



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