

# Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights



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Issue**

The Law on the status and social care of citizens affected by the Chornobyl disaster indicated special conditions in the calculation of disability pensions for personnel who were responding to the Chornobyl disaster and, as a result, developed disabilities. Some categories of personnel had lower pensions than others despite similar responsibilities and obligations during their service.



**NHRI  
Action**

The NHRI held a number of consultations and discussions with the public and state authorities, drafted proposals to amend the legislative acts and communicated them to the government and parliament. Furthermore, it submitted its recommendations concerning the unconstitutionality of the existing norms to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.



**Impact**

The Constitutional Court of Ukraine decided that there had been a violation of the constitutional principle of equality and equity, and the constitutional right to social protection in the legislation concerning different levels of pension provision. The government amended the legislation for equal conditions in the calculation of disability pensions.



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