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THE OFFICIAL SYMBOLS OF THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

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Summary (in English)

The official symbols of the head of state are the state insignia of the President of Ukraine. Introduced by the decree of the President of Ukraine “On the official symbols of the head of state” (November 29, 1999). According to this decree, the official symbols of the head of state are the Flag (standard) of the President of Ukraine, the Sign (collar) of the President of Ukraine, the Seal of the President of Ukraine, and the Bulava (mace) of the President of Ukraine.

The president's standard represents a blue square cloth bearing a golden Sign of Prince Volodymyr the Great's State (Trident or Tryzub), the coat of arms of Ukraine, in the center: the, edged with gold vegetative ornament. The staff is wooden with a round onyx top decorated with an embossed lay-on yellow ornament.

The collar represents a chained badge, which consists of a pendant locket, six enameled medallions and sixteen decorative links in a special order. All of its elements are joined by shaped rings.

The presidential bulava is made of gold-plated gilded silver and fitted with a total of 64 emeralds and garnets, mounted in gold. It contains a three-edged damask blade bearing a Latin phrase “Omnia revertitur”, meaning Everything returns. The blade can be extracted from the mace by means of a button decorated with a Yakut emerald. Together, the bulava weighs 750 grams.

The presidential seal is ring-shaped. It bears the lesser state coat of arms of Ukraine in the centre, around which there is a circular inscription “President of Ukraine”.

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