[TM] Subsidies to state television to end by 2022

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On 7 July 2017 President Berdymukhamedov of Turkmenistan signed an Ordinance that provides for the gradual end to the financing of State-run television and radio channels (the only broadcasters in the country) from the national budget. The reform will take place over the course of four years, beginning in 2018.

The Ordinance encourages the State Committee on Television, Radio and Cinema (a body of the Ministry of Culture, Press and Television), subject to the agreement of the Cabinet of Ministers (chaired by the President), to permit advertising and marketing broadcasts on State channels and to use the revenues thus obtained to cover expenses incurred by the broadcasters. The State Committee, together with the Ministry of Justice, is tasked under the Ordinance with preparing the necessary amendments to the relevant national laws.

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