

The Constitutional Court intends to start considering the petition that 53 parliamentary deputies filed on the constitutionality of President Viktor Yushchenko's decree on dissolution of the parliament next week.

The press service of the Constitutional Court announced this to Ukrainian News.

The press service confirmed that the Constitutional Court has launched constitutional proceedings in relation to the petition.

"The Constitutional Court has declared constitutional proceedings urgent. Consideration of the case will take place in the form of oral hearings," the press service said.

As Ukrainian News earlier reported, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich earlier said that the Constitutional Court had agreed to consider the deputies' petition on the constitutionality of Yushchenko's decree on dissolution of the parliament.

The Constitutional Court registered the petition filed by 53 parliamentary deputies on the constitutionality of Yushchenko's decree on dissolution of the parliament on April 3.

Yushchenko issued a decree on dissolution of the parliament and organization of early parliamentary elections on April 2.

The parliament has refused to implement this presidential decree and filed a petition with the Constitutional Court on the constitutionality of the decree.