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Note verbale datée du 16 juillet 2021 adressée au Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de l'Ukraine auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente de l'Ukraine auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres organisations internationales à Genève a l'honneur de transmettre par la présente une lettre adressée à la Présidente du Conseil des droits de l'homme par la Représentante permanente de l'Ukraine, M^{me} Yevhenia Filipenko, au sujet de la tentative de participation aux travaux de la quarante-septième session du Conseil faite par des représentants des autorités d'occupation de la Fédération de Russie en République autonome de Crimée et en la ville de Sébastopol (Ukraine) (voir annexe).

La Mission permanente de l'Ukraine demande que la présente note et son annexe soient enregistrées et distribuées en tant que documents du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 1 de l'ordre du jour*.

* L'annexe est reproduite telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue de l'original seulement.



Annex to the note verbale dated 16 July 2021 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Letter of the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I have the honor to address you in connection with the continuing attempts by the Russian Federation to exploit the United Nations Human Rights Council as a tool in its ongoing aggression against my country.

The most recent of these hostile acts took place in the framework of the 47th session of the Council when representatives of the occupying power in Ukraine's Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol attempted to participate on behalf of the delegation of the Russian Federation in the interactive dialogue on human rights situation on Ukraine and in the interactive dialogue on systemic racism.

In this regard, I wish to once again recall the UN General Assembly resolution 68/262, which calls “upon all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any alteration to the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and to refrain from any action or dealing that might be interpreted as recognizing any such altered status”.

The explicit substance of this provision points to an indisputable conclusion that the consistent efforts by the Russian Federation to push through participation of representatives of the occupation authorities in Crimea in the proceedings of the Council as part of its delegation have the sole purpose of legitimizing its illegal attempted annexation of the Ukrainian territory and exploiting the Human Rights Council as a diplomatic weapon in its ongoing aggression against Ukraine.

In light of such profound implications, the Ukrainian Side cannot and will not accept these continuous encroachments on our country's sovereignty and territorial integrity and will utilize every legal, procedural and political tool at its disposal to counter them.

I wish to also draw your attention to the most recent UN General Assembly resolution 75/192 “Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine” which “calls upon all international organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, when referring to Crimea in their official documents, communications, publications, information and reports ... to refer to “the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation”, and to refer to bodies of the Russian Federation and their representatives in Crimea as “occupation authorities of the Russian Federation”, and encourages all States and other international organizations to do the same”.

It is our expectation that the Council's work will be further guided by the provisions of the UN General Assembly resolutions regarding the status of Crimea and designation of representatives of the Russian occupation administration.

I count, Madame President, on your leadership in properly addressing this issue, which will serve as yet another contribution of yours to the improvement of the Council's work.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Yevhenia **Filipenko**
Permanent Representative of Ukraine