

26/... Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by* the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Bearing in mind relevant regional instruments, in particular the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,

*Recalling* General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014 on the territorial integrity of Ukraine, and *reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders,

*Further recalling* that it is the primary responsibility of States to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* the Geneva Joint Statement on Ukraine of 17 April 2014 outlining initial concrete steps to de-escalate tensions and restore security, and *stressing* the importance of its full implementation by all parties,

*Acknowledging* the commitment of the Government of Ukraine to promote and protect human rights and *recognizing* the efforts made by the Government of Ukraine in strengthening democracy and the rule of law and protection of human rights, including by promoting an inclusive political dialogue that reflects the diversity of the society and includes representation from all parts of Ukraine,

*Noting with serious concern* ongoing activities by illegal armed groups in Donetsk and Luhansk regions with external support that remain the major factor in causing a worsening situation for the protection of human rights in these regions,

*Expressing deep concern* at the lack of access of impartial and independent human rights monitors to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine - the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol - following their illegal purported annexation,

*Welcoming* the continued efforts by the Secretary-General, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Council of Europe and other international and regional organizations to assist Ukraine in promoting and protecting human rights,

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Ukraine, based on the findings of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU),

2. *Commends* the OHCHR for the rapid deployment of the HRMMU, for providing regular, accurate and public reports on the human rights situation as well as emerging concerns and risks and for documenting facts and circumstances of alleged human rights violations and abuses,
3. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the Government of Ukraine with the HRMMU and the renewal of the mandate of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine until 15 September 2014 and fully supports the continued assistance of the OHCHR to the Government of Ukraine,
4. *Calls* upon all concerned to cooperate fully with, provide access to and allow deployment of independent and impartial human rights monitors, including by the HRMMU, and comply strictly with all applicable international law,
5. *Calls upon all* concerned to implement recommendations contained in the OHCHR reports and *welcomes* the efforts of the Government of Ukraine already undertaken in this regard, aimed inter alia at the implementation of the Geneva Joint Statement on Ukraine of April 17, 2014,
6. *Calls on* the Government of Ukraine to continue its reform efforts aimed at strengthening the human rights protection of all citizens, the rule of law and democracy, in particular in areas identified by the HRMMU,
7. *Welcomes* the holding of the elections of the President of Ukraine of 25 May 2014,
8. *Expresses concern* that despite efforts of the election administration to ensure voting throughout the country, individuals were not able to take part in voting in parts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions due to systematic disruption by illegal armed groups and on the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine - the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol,
9. *Calls upon* the Government of Ukraine to continue to investigate all alleged human rights violations and abuses in a prompt, impartial, transparent and comprehensive manner, and to ensure accountability, including in relation to the Maidan protests and 2 May Odessa violence,
10. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the Government of Ukraine with Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, in line with the Standing Invitation, and *encourages* continued cooperation in this regard,
11. *Welcomes* the statement by the Special Rapporteur on minority issues on her country visit to Ukraine containing the initial findings, and *urges* all concerned to strictly respect the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, national, linguistic and religious minorities,

12. *Calls for* immediate end to all acts of discrimination and harassment, in particular towards persons belonging to minorities and indigenous peoples and other residents of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine - the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol - who did not support the illegal referendum, including ethnic Ukrainians and Crimean Tatars,
13. *Calls for* the protection of all human rights in all of Ukraine, in particular on the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine - the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol - on issues related to, inter alia, citizenship, right of residence, labour rights, property and land rights, access to health and education, peaceful assembly, freedoms of expression, association, religion and belief,
14. *Calls upon* all concerned to respect freedom of expression allowing journalists the space and security to carry out their work objectively,
15. *Strongly condemns* the violence and abuses committed by illegal armed groups, including abductions, unlawful detentions, killings, torture/ill-treatment, disappearances and harassment of journalists and other people and *urges* all members of illegal armed groups to immediately disarm and stop their unlawful acts, including the immediate release all those unlawfully detained, and the vacation of occupied public and administrative buildings, in line with the provisions of the 17 April Geneva Joint Statement,
16. *Urges* the Government of Ukraine to conduct security and law enforcement operations in accordance with applicable international law, with due regard to protection of those not involved in the fighting,
17. *Requests* the UN High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Human Rights Council at its 27<sup>th</sup> session followed by an interactive dialogue.