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*To UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants*

**Russian Agression against Ukraine and Situation on Ukrainian Boards**

Our Association of Reintegration of Crimea (ARC)<sup>1</sup>, is non-governmental expert and human rights organisation<sup>2</sup>, with activities devoted to Crimea's issues. ARC's expert researches are related with human rights of Crimean residents and ethnic groups, including their fundamental rights, right to development, also as with issues of the transitional justice for peninsula, with relevant cultural, economic, social and financial impacts.

Illegal occupation and attempted annexation of Crimea by Russia since 2014, as a part of Russian-Ukrainian interstate conflict, changed the situation radically in the region. Systematic gross violations of the human rights and humanitarian standards, including enforced disappearances, were committed in last seven years in the peninsula, condemned by the UN GA resolutions<sup>3</sup>, resolutions of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, of the PACE, of the European Parliament's resolutions etc. Gross human rights violations, correlated with crimes against humanity in Crimea are now subject to consideration in International Court of Justice (case 166)<sup>4</sup> and the European Court of Human Rights (case 20958/14 and others).<sup>5</sup>

UN GA Resolution 76/179 on 16 December 2021<sup>6</sup> condemned the reported serious violations and abuses committed by Russia against residents of the Crimea, in particular – extrajudicial killings, abductions, enforced disappearances, politically motivated prosecutions, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, violence, including sexual violence, arbitrary detentions and arrests, torture and ill-treatment, as well as reported abuses of other fundamental freedoms, including the freedoms of expression, religion or belief and association and the right to peaceful assembly.

Since 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 Russia committed broad and open military aggression from own territory, occupied Crimea, Belarus, Black and Azov seas against Ukrainian mainland. Due five days of fights Russia occupied some territories of Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Luhansk, Sumy, Zaporizhzhya and strong fights are going near cities of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv and others with total population more than 8 millions persons near the frontline. Russian troops committed in Ukraine, during this operation, gross violation of international humanitarian law already, more than 200 civil citizens, including 16 children were killed by the Russian regular troops.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://arc.construction/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/associations/detail-annonce/associations\\_b/20210005/1348](https://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/associations/detail-annonce/associations_b/20210005/1348)

<sup>3</sup> for example, <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/73/263>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/case-related/166/166-20191108-JUD-01-00-EN.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-207622>

<sup>6</sup> <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/76/179>

This Russia's aggression directly caused the internal displacement of more than million people already, and more than 500 thousand Ukrainian citizens, most of whom are women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities and foreigners. Such situation caused the serious humanitarian crisis on the state boards of Ukraine with Moldova, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, including checking points, adjacent zones and transport hubs, first of all in Lviv region. Ukrainian authorities and volunteers, also as authorities of Poland and other states of the European Union make the strongest activities to minimize the ongoing humanitarian crisis. As the Russia's aggression that started on 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022 was not provoked by Ukraine and other European countries has no any possibility to prepare for such situation.

So our Association believes that urgent, immediate steps of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants must be done including immediate visit to Ukraine. We hope that special statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on above-pointed issues will be extremely important for further defense of rights of Ukrainian citizens and other persons in the crisis zone.

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