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Letter dated 7 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my previous letters, I have the honour to refer to your highly important work on ensuring monitoring of the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine. It is encouraging that the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine maintains its activities in this regard, and we still hope that it will be granted unimpeded access to Crimea by the occupying power in accordance with international humanitarian law.

In this context I would like to draw your attention to the ongoing practices of political persecutions by the Russian occupation authorities in Crimea, Ukraine, contrary to General Assembly resolution [75/192](#). On 1 June 2021, the so-called “Supreme Court of Crimea” sentenced, *in absentia*, the Chair of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Refat Chubarov, to six years in prison and fines under fabricated charges of “plotting riots” in front of the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (local parliament) on 26 February 2014.

This is yet another example that the Russian Federation has failed to comply with the repeated requests and demands of the General Assembly, as well as with the order of the International Court of Justice of 19 April 2017 on provisional measures in the case concerning the *Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)*. It further consolidates its repressive policies against Crimean Tatars and their self-governing body – the Mejlis – which continues to be declared an extremist organization and the ban on its activities has still not been repealed as demanded by the General Assembly and the International Court of Justice.

Under these circumstances Ukraine regards the above decision as politically motivated, based on trumped-up charges and thus legally null and void.

I reiterate the call for the Russian Federation to abide by its international obligations and to implement all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including the most recent ones, resolutions [75/29](#) and [75/192](#).



I also hope that the above-mentioned illegal practices of the Russian occupation authorities will be duly addressed in your upcoming reports to be submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution [75/192](#).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 65.

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