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Seventy-fifth year****The situation in the temporarily occupied territories  
of Ukraine****Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights  
situations and reports of special rapporteurs  
and representatives****Letter dated 25 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of  
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the comment dated 23 March 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the threat to the health of Server Mustafayev, a citizen of Ukraine illegally detained by Russia (see annex).

The Russian Federation, as the occupying Power, continues to violate international law, including its obligations under international humanitarian law, in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine.

We reiterate our call on the Russian Federation to abide by its international obligations and to implement all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including the most recent ones, namely, resolutions [74/168](#), entitled “Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine”, and [74/17](#), entitled “Problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov”.

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 63 and 70 (c) and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 25 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Comment dated 23 March 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the threat to the health of Server Mustafayev, a citizen of Ukraine illegally detained by Russia**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest over the failure of the Russian side to provide the necessary medical examination and treatment for the Ukrainian citizen Mr. Server Mustafayev illegally detained on the territory of the Russian Federation.

In recent days, Mr. Server Mustafayev has been experiencing high fever, dry cough, severe headache and weakness throughout the body. Given the pandemic of a new type of coronavirus infection COVID-19, these are alarming symptoms that are ignored by the Russian side.

For almost two years, Mr. Server Mustafayev, a Crimean Tatar civic activist, has been illegally detained by Russia for political reasons on fabricated charges of terrorist activity. The Russian Federation deliberately neglects the plight of the illegally detained Ukrainian citizen and tries to conceal it.

We urge immediate medical examination of the Ukrainian citizen Mr. Server Mustafayev in a specialized medical facility in accordance with international standards, including to exclude the possibility of infection with COVID-19 coronary virus infection and to provide qualified medical assistance in conditions of confinement.

The Ministry is concerned that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health security in Russian prisons and occupied territories may be systemic in nature, posing a serious threat to the health and life of illegally detained Ukrainian citizens.

The challenge in the form of a pandemic of a new virus that does not respect borders and nationality is a good opportunity for the Russian Federation to refresh its memory as regards universal values and norms of international law.

We call on the international community to step up political, economic and sanctions pressure on the Russian Federation in order to stop gross violations of human rights by Russia and release all illegally detained citizens of Ukraine.

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