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## Letter dated 26 June 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to inform you that the European Court of Human Rights has found the Government of the Russian Federation responsible for the administrative practice of human rights violations in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine). This is stated in the Court's judgment on the admissibility and merits of the inter-State case *Ukraine v. Russia (re Crimea)* (see the press release by the Registrar of the Court dated 25 June 2024\*). The text of the judgment is available at the following link: https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng#{%22itemid%22:[%22001-234982%22]}.

The human rights violations include illegal detentions and searches, cruel treatment, the persecution of religious community members and Crimean Tatars, the cessation of Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar media activities, and the prohibition of the Ukrainian language in schools.

The European Court of Human Rights also stated that the Russian Federation is responsible for violating the rights of Ukrainian political prisoners – individuals persecuted by Russia for their pro-Ukrainian stance.

Considering the persistent and ongoing nature of the crimes committed by the Russian Federation, and recognizing the urgency of immediate intervention, I would be grateful for your personal attention and full use of all existing instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to address these continued crimes.

<sup>\*</sup> Available at https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/app/conversion/pdf/?library=ECHR&id=003-7981802-11134245&filename=Grand%20Chamber%20judgment%20Ukraine%20c.%20Russie%20(Crim %C3%A9e)%20-%20multiple%20violations%20in%20case%20brought%20by%20Ukraine%20against%20Russia%20concerning%20Crimea.pdf.





The crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation once again testify to the inadmissibility of inaction with regard to Russia's illegitimate presence in the Security Council.

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62, 67, 68, 71 and 109, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sergiy **Kyslytsya** Ambassador Permanent Representative

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