



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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**Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted  
by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

### List of themes in relation to the combined twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth periodic reports of Ukraine

#### Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session<sup>1</sup> that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes, with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised during the dialogue. No written replies are required.

#### Statistics

2. Statistics on the demographic composition of the population based on self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic origin, and on migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons and stateless persons. Economic and social indicators on various groups living in the State party's territory, disaggregated by national or ethnic origin, gender and age, particularly in respect of minority groups.

#### The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

3. Information on the measures taken to align the domestic legal framework on the prohibition of racial discrimination, particularly the Act on the Principles of Preventing and Combating Discrimination in Ukraine and the Criminal Code, with articles 1, 2, and 4 of the Convention, including on all the grounds of discrimination mentioned in article 1 of the Convention.<sup>2</sup>

4. Information on the institutional framework mandated with the implementation and monitoring policies on minority issues, including the Council of Interethnic Harmony, and information on the coordination among those entities and the allocation of resources to each of them.<sup>3</sup>

5. Measures taken to ensure that the provisions of the Criminal Code, particularly article 161, and other relevant legislation prohibit and punish racist hate speech, incitement to racial

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<sup>1</sup> A/65/18, para. 85.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., paras. 7 and 18; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 9–26.

<sup>3</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, para. 10; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 58–61.



hatred or to racial discrimination and racist hate crimes, in line with article 4 of the Convention.<sup>4</sup>

6. Information on the measures taken to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, in the media and on the Internet.<sup>5</sup>

7. Specific measures taken or envisaged to ensure that the police and other law enforcement officers do not engage in racial discrimination, including racially motivated violence and practices that amount to racial profiling.<sup>6</sup>

8. Updated and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts or any other national institution, including the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, concerning acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes, including on the Internet and in the media, and information on the outcomes of those complaints, on investigations, prosecutions, convictions and disciplinary measures for perpetrators and on reparations for victims.<sup>7</sup>

#### **Situation of ethnic minority groups (arts. 2, 5 and 6)**

9. Detailed information on the scope and implementation of the Act on National Minorities (Communities), adopted in December 2022, and its amendments.<sup>8</sup> Updated information on the measures taken to ensure the enjoyment by members of ethnic minority groups of all the rights covered by the Convention, without discrimination, in particular: (a) to ensure their effective participation and representation in public and political life, including in State institutions and the administration at all levels; (b) to guarantee their access to quality education in their mother tongue, without discrimination; and (c) to protect their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.<sup>9</sup>

10. Information on the measures taken or envisaged to combat stereotypes and structural discrimination against Roma and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights and on the measures taken to ensure that Roma children have equal access to quality education.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Situation of migrants, asylum-seekers, refugees and stateless persons (arts. 2 and 5)**

11. Updated information on the legislative and policy frameworks on migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers and to ensure access to education, housing, employment, healthcare services and humanitarian assistance, without discrimination, to all persons under the State party's jurisdiction. Measures to combat acts of racial discrimination, hate crimes and hate speech targeting migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons.<sup>11</sup>

12. Measures for the prevention of and protection from statelessness, including statistics on stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Situation of armed conflict (arts. 2, 5 and 6)**

13. Measures to promptly and impartially investigate all human rights violations and abuses, in particularly against members of groups protected under the Convention, committed

<sup>4</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, paras. 16 and 18; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 24–34.

<sup>5</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, paras. 12, 14, 20 and 32; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 28–39, 180 and 181.

<sup>6</sup> CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 45 and 46.

<sup>7</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, paras. 12, 14, 20 and 32; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 28–39, 180–181 and 193–200.

<sup>8</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, paras. 20 and 24; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 52–61, 128–155 and 183–192.

<sup>9</sup> CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 50–78 and 106–198.

<sup>10</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, paras. 20 and 22; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 47, 117, 207–210 and 221–227.

<sup>11</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, para. 26; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 16, 48, 49, 111–114, 120, 121 and 124.

<sup>12</sup> CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23, para. 28; and CERD/C/UKR/24-26, paras. 16, 36, 48, 49, 111–114, 120, 121 and 124.

in the context of the ongoing armed conflict and invasion initiated by the Russian Federation against the State party on 24 February 2022.

14. Situation of internally displaced persons, including Crimean Tatars, and measures to ensure their access to education, housing, employment, healthcare services and humanitarian assistance.<sup>13</sup> Measures taken or envisaged to preserve and promote the identity, language and culture of Crimean Tatars and to ensure the access of Crimean Tatar children to quality education in their mother tongue.<sup>14</sup>

15. Information on the situation of non-citizens, particularly migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, and persons of African and Asian descent during the armed conflict and measures to ensure their access to education, housing, employment, healthcare services and humanitarian assistance.

**Human rights education to combat prejudice and intolerance (art. 7)**

16. Information on the measures taken to promote human rights education, including ways to combat racial discrimination, in all school curricula, university programmes and teacher training programmes and on the measures taken to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants, law enforcement and judicial authorities of the importance of cultural diversity and tolerance.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> [CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23](#), para. 30.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 24; and [CERD/C/UKR/24-26](#), paras. 6, 139–149, 161 and 208.

<sup>15</sup> [CERD/C/UKR/24-26](#), paras. 201–227.