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2 YEARS AFTER EUROMAIDAN

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A VIEW FROM CIVIL SOCIETY

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Despite the hopes raised by the Euromaidan movement and improvements in many facets of life and governance in Ukraine, the last two years have brought the occupation of Crimea, armed conflict in parts of eastern Ukraine, and ongoing abuses, corruption, and political unrest. Two years after Euromaidan and the illegal occupation of Crimea, what efforts have been undertaken to prevent unlawful killings and ensure accountability, justice and redress in such cases?

The UN Special Rapporteur is invited to present the outcomes of his Mission to Ukraine conducted in September 2015 and to assess the steps undertaken by the Government of Ukraine to protect the right to life and to ensure accountability for committed crimes.

Civil society representatives will present the current status of investigations and proceedings into the killings that occurred during the 2014 Maidan events, the 2 May 2014 Odesa violence, the 9 May 2014 Mariupol incidents and the 31 August 2015 Kyiv violence,

including the outcomes of the preliminary investigation carried out by the International Criminal Court. As stated by the UN HRMMU in its last report to the UN HRC "The lack of progress in these cases undermines public confidence in the criminal justice system. It is essential that they be promptly addressed with absolute impartiality as their mishandling can jeopardize the peaceful resolution of disputes and fuel instability."

The event will also be an opportunity to provide information on the human rights situation in Crimea and the process of so called "Russianisation". Crimea, under the control of the Russian Federation, is subjected to a hybrid Russian legal system, where laws are flexible and local pro-government armed forces act with impunity and where restrictions on public demonstrations, civil society organizations, the media, and others are routine. A representative from the Crimea Monitoring missions will present the human rights situation in Crimea, and address concrete recommendations to facilitate access to international human rights monitors and media professionals and to arrest isolation and impunity in the occupied peninsula.