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of Ukraine****Security Council  
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Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Further to my previous letters, I have the honour to express appreciation of your highly important work on ensuring the monitoring of the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine.

In view of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions [75/192](#) and [75/29](#), I would like once again to draw your attention to the ongoing conscription into the armed forces of the Russian Federation of citizens of Ukraine living in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

Such actions of the Russian Federation are a continuation of repressive practices against Ukrainian citizens of the occupied Crimea who seek to enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms in full. The fate of those Ukrainian citizens who are illegally and forcibly conscripted to the armed forces of Russian Federation constitutes a deep concern to Ukraine and the international community.

In particular, in its resolution [75/29](#), the General Assembly expressed “its deep concern over the continued conscription by the Russian Federation of the residents of Crimea, including those holding Ukrainian citizenship, into its armed forces, including assignment to military bases in the Russian Federation, and urges the Russian Federation to stop such activity, which contradicts international humanitarian law, without delay”. Moreover, in its resolution [75/192](#), the General Assembly urged the Russian Federation to “end also the practice of criminal prosecution of inhabitants of Crimea who resists conscription into the armed or auxiliary forces of the Russian Federation”.

Ukraine calls on the States Members of the United Nations as well as relevant United Nations organs and agencies to condemn these illegal actions of the Russian Federation and respond appropriately to the violations of international humanitarian and human rights law in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.



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

I also sincerely rely on your good offices in persuading the Russian Federation to uphold its international obligations. I also hope that these 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](#).

In view of the above, I would like to transmit herewith for your kind attention a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal conscription into the armed forces of the Russian Federation of the Ukrainian citizens in Crimea, dated 1 April 2021 (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 65, and of the Security Council.

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

**Annex to the letter dated 2 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal conscription of the Ukrainian citizens in Crimea into the armed forces of the Russian Federation**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over the commitment of a war crime by the Russian Federation, notably conscription of Ukrainian citizens who live on the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol to the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

Systematically violating the norms of international humanitarian law, in particular provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949), the Russian occupation administration is carrying out conscription to its armed forces on the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine.

Since 2015 the Russian occupation administration has already held 12 conscription campaigns on the peninsula, illegally recruiting about 28,000 persons. On April 1, 2021 it starts a new conscription campaign.

Those Crimean residents who oppose this enforced conscription are subjected to criminal prosecution by the occupation administration, which also constitutes a violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Contrary to the norms of the international humanitarian law, the military service in the army of the aggressor state is propagated, in particular among children.

We call on the international community to properly assess such actions of the Russian Federation on the temporarily occupied territory, to continue and strengthen the political and diplomatic pressure on aggressor state in order to ensure compliance by the Russian Federation with the norms and principles of the international law.

Ukraine continues to document the violations of the norms of international law by the Russian Federation and to take measures to bring Russia to the international legal responsibility.

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