9 May 2022

Dear Excellency, President,

With the support of the delegations listed below, we request that the Human Rights Council holds a Special Session to address the continuously deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression.

Regrettably, the situation in Ukraine has worsened dramatically since the adoption by the Human Rights Council of resolution 49/1 on 4 March 2022 following the Urgent Debate in response to the Russian aggression. The current situation requires the urgent attention of the Council in view of the recent reports of war crimes and large-scale violations in the town of Bucha and other liberated areas of the country and ongoing reports of mass casualties in the city of Mariupol.

We make the present request to hold a Special Session in accordance with the relevant procedural rules, including paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, paragraphs 119 to 128 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and rules 5 and 6 of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Yevheniia FILIPENKO

H.E. Mr. Federico VILLEGAS
President of the UN Human Rights Council
Delegations supporting call for the special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression

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