

Candidature of Ukraine to the United Nations Human Rights Council (2027-2029)

Voluntary pledges and commitments pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/251

Election to the Human Rights Council would further enable Ukraine to advance accountability for the gravest violations of human rights and contribute to the strengthening of the international human rights system, reaffirming the shared commitment of the international community.

Ukraine stands ready to share its experience, engage constructively with international partners, lead groups of friends, and support efforts to strengthen the global human rights framework, drawing on lessons learned and best practices developed in the most challenging circumstances.

Guided by its steadfast commitment to human rights and international human rights law, Ukraine seeks election to the Council to contribute to the strengthening of the international human rights system and to the effective accountability for serious human rights violations.

If elected, Ukraine pledges to:

- **Strengthen global accountability mechanisms**, including by promoting the documentation, investigation, and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, and supporting the work of UN investigative mechanisms, special procedures, commissions of inquiry, and international courts and tribunals.
- **Promote and protect the rights of persons in vulnerable situations**, including children, women, persons with disabilities, older persons, and survivors of conflict-related sexual violence, through inclusive, rights-based and victim-centred approaches ensuring access to protection and essential services.
- **Address unlawful deportation and displacement**, including by preventing forced deportations, supporting the safe return of unlawfully displaced persons, and upholding international standards for refugees and internally displaced persons.
- **Strengthen the realization of economic, social and cultural rights**, including the rights to education, health care, mental health support, and social protection, with particular attention to accessibility, non-discrimination and the needs of conflict-affected populations.
- **Promote respect for international humanitarian law**, including the protection of civilians, humanitarian personnel and other protected persons in situations of armed conflict, and support initiatives aimed at strengthening compliance with applicable legal frameworks.
- **Address emerging and cross-cutting human rights challenges**, including those arising from environmental degradation, climate change, food insecurity, disinformation and cyber-related threats, and their impact on the enjoyment of human rights.
- **Strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms**, including by supporting the effective functioning of the UN treaty body system, engaging constructively in the Universal Periodic Review process, and maintaining cooperation with the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. Ukraine has ratified the

vast majority of core international human rights treaties, fulfils its reporting obligations in good faith, values the UPR as a unique mechanism for promoting the implementation of human rights obligations, and maintains a standing invitation to all Human Rights Council mandate holders.