

Distinguished colleagues!

I express my gratitude for the work of Office of the High Commissioner and Monitoring Mission and for their conclusions and recommendations in the latest report.

Some of the violations of human rights in Ukraine require more attention.

It is *also* worth noting that Ukraine continues to fulfill its international legal obligations and bears responsibility for its territory and population **being the defending state**. **The aggressor state** is guided by the “right of force” and motives opposite to the notion of justice and peace.

So, when presenting problematics of compliance with International Humanitarian Law in Ukraine suffering unprovoked military aggression, the proportionality as to the victim and the aggressor might lead to distortion. Especially when the aggressor refuses to cooperate with humanitarian organizations and the defender cooperates in full.

I call on the Office of the High Commissioner and Monitoring Mission continue their work towards strengthening human rights protection in Ukraine and ensuring accountability of perpetrators.

Let me assure you of **my full assistance** at all times. Thank you.