

# INVITATION

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*Side-Event in the margins of the 61st session of the UN Human Rights Council*

## Comprehensive Accountability for Ukraine Human Rights Council's Perspectives on The Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression

13h00–14h00 (CET), Friday 13 March 2026, Room III, Palais des Nations, Geneva

This side event will highlight and connect dots between the multiple initiatives to advance accountability for international crimes committed in the context of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and place the most recent initiative, the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine, in context.

The discussion will explore interactions with the Human Rights Council. By bringing together experts, legal practitioners, and policymakers, this side-event seeks to foster dialogue on the relationship between fact-finding and judicial mechanisms, identify practical avenues for cooperation, and strengthen the international community's collective response to impunity. The event will also reflect on how lessons learned from previous interactions between UN investigative mechanisms and international judicial institutions can inform effective coordination between the Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine (COI Ukraine) and the Special Tribunal, ensuring coherence, efficiency, and the preservation of evidentiary integrity in pursuit of justice for Ukraine.

### The event will:

- Raise awareness on and mobilise support around the mandate and legal framework of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine and place the Special Tribunal in context of other accountability mechanisms.
- Provide the perspectives from the relevant UN Human Rights mechanisms documenting crimes and supporting accountability in Ukraine, including the COI Ukraine.
- Explore synergies and mutually reinforcing cooperation between the COI Ukraine and the Special Tribunal.

### Moderator:

- **Dr Mark Ellis**, Executive Director of the International Bar Association

### Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Mr Vladimir Cuc**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova

### Speakers:

- **Ms Irene Suominen**, Deputy to the Accountability for Ukraine Unit, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- **Dr Anton Korynevych**, Director of the Department of International Law and Legal Counteraction to Aggression of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- **Mr Erik Møse**, Chair, Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine
- **Mr Arjen Uijterlinde**, Special Envoy for the Special Tribunal, the Kingdom of the Netherlands

### State interventions:

- **H.E. Mr Margus Tsahkna**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

### Q&A

### Concluding Remarks:

- **H.E. Mr Yevhenii Tsybaliuk**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine

**Online participation through Webex: [CLICK HERE](#)**

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