

**Informal exchange of views with representatives of civil society,
organised on the initiative of the Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Legal Co-operation (GR-J)**

**“The Accountability for Crimes Under International Law Committed in Ukraine:
the State of Play and Way Forward”**

**Strasbourg, 10 July 2023, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Committee of Ministers’ Room**

AGENDA

By the Reykjavík Declaration, adopted at the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe, the member States of this Organisation stressed *inter alia* that “no statutes of limitation apply to genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.” Furthermore, they welcomed “international efforts to hold to account the political and military leadership of the Russian Federation for its war of aggression against Ukraine and the progress towards the establishment of a special tribunal for the crime of aggression”. Finally, they committed to “strengthening the work of the Council of Europe to support and promote national and international efforts, including the work of the European Court of Human Rights, the International Criminal Court, and of the International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine”.

In this context, the Rapporteur Group on Legal Co-operation (GR-J) agreed to dedicate its traditional exchange of views with representatives of civil society to “The Accountability for Crimes Under International Law Committed in Ukraine: the State of Play and Way Forward”. Within this timely topic, representatives of civil society are invited to share their views primarily on the following three sub-topics:

- The situation of Ukraine before the International Criminal Court
- Criminal proceedings before domestic courts of Ukraine and other States
- Current efforts to establish a special tribunal for the crime of aggression

Programme

- 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Opening by Ambassador Petr VÁLEK, Chair of the GR-J
- 3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Insights from the victims’ perspective by Ukrainian NGOs:
- Oleksandra MATVIYCHUK, Centre for Civil Liberties
 - Tetiana PECHONCHYK, Human Rights Centre ZMINA
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. Comments by International NGOs:
- Virginie AMATO, Coalition for the International Criminal Court
 - Frederika SCHWEIGHOFEROVA, Parliamentarians for Global Action
 - Liz EVENSON, Human Rights Watch
 - Matt CANNOCK, Amnesty International Centre for International Justice
- 4:40 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. Discussion
- 5:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Concluding remarks by Ambassador Petr VÁLEK, Chair of the GR-J