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The Chair of Inter-Agency Working Group on Combating Sexual Violence Related to Russia's Armed Aggression against Ukraine and Assistance to the Survivors (IAWG).

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Kateryna has more than 30 years of experience in promoting women's and human rights; was involved as an expert in the work of international and non-governmental organizations (UN Women, IOM, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, Council of Europe, OSCE). Founder and the first President of the NGO "La Strada-Ukraine" (1997-2018). Member of Ukrainian Parliament (2006-2007). A member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA, 2013-2018). She advocated for Ukraine's joining of global initiatives: the Biarritz Partnership for Gender Equality; Equal Payment International Coalition (EPIC); the Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions.

Professor (2007). Doctor of Law (2004). Doctor of Philosophy (1993). The areas of public, scientific and professional activity: gender equality, women's rights, combating trafficking in human, international humanitarian law, hybrid threats counteraction, child rights protection, prevention of gender-based violence, conflict resolution. An author of more than three hundred scientific articles and books on these topics. Applying her legal academic background, Dr. Levchenko has developed courses on Gender Theory and has produced guidelines for the implementation of gender approaches in training offered by Ukraine's Security and Defence sector. She has developed and conducted professional training for politicians, public servants, police, prosecutors, judges, social workers, teachers, NGOs and journalists. Over the years, she has produced more than 25 training manuals, with course materials and instructional guidelines.

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Kateryna Levchenko's style is characterized by an analytical and results-based management approach, with conflict-defusing crisis management skill and great personal psychological resilience.

Gender Champion According Apolitical (2018); Awarded by Hillary R. Clinton Award for promoting Women, Peace and Security (2022), 75 women for 75 years of Council Europe History Project participant (2024).