**UKRAINE`S INPUT TO THE QUESTTIONAIRE FOR STATES**

**of the UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur on Torture**

**on communications and visit requests**

**A. Procedures for the processing of official communications and requests**

*Question: describe the procedures applied in responding to official communications transmitted by the Special Rapporteur*

1. Starting from 2016 the Government of Ukraine has not received any “allegation letters” from the Special Rapporteur on torture.

At the same time, in February 2017 the Special Rapporteur addressed the Ukrainian authorities with the *urgent appeal* about alleged torture and ill-treatment of detainee Mr. Yesypchuk Maksym who was held in the Mykolaivskyi pre-trial detention centre.

Taking into account Article 2(a) of the Resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of March 31, 2020 in response to the urgent appeal the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine (hereinafter – MoJ) timely provided the Special Rapporteur with requested information, in particular, regarding the number of short-term visits paid to the detainee Mr. Yesypchuk, psychological support and medical care rendered to him.

2. The Government of Ukraine didn`t receive any other letters related to current or envisaged legislation, regulation or policy measures.

**B. Interaction regarding “Urgent Appeals”, “Allegation Letters” and other letters**

*Question: How does the Government self-evaluate its interaction with the Special Rapporteur on official communications?*

3. The MoJ considers the interaction with the Special Rapporteur as fully cooperative as far as he was timely provided with detailed information in response to the urgent appeal.

**C. Interaction regarding country visits requests**

*Question: how does the Government self-evaluate its interaction with the Special Rapporteur in response to official request to conduct country visit*

4. According to Article 2(b) of the Resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of March 31, 2020 the Government of Ukraine responded favourably to the Special Rapporteur`s request to visit Ukraine and entered into a constructive dialogue with him with regard to the requested visit.

The MoJ agreed the dates of the visit with all relevant governmental authorities and reminded them about the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and the terms of reference of country visits.

5. The visit was carried out from May 28, 2018 to June 08, 2018. The MoJ considers the interaction with the Special Rapporteur as fully cooperative given that in the run up and in the course of the visit the Rapporteur received all requested information, *inter alia*, about places of deprivation of liberty, was granted prompt access to the detention premises and provided with a possibility to review all necessary documentation during his monitoring visits therein.

Consequently, Ukraine fulfilled cooperation requirements set forth in Article 2(a) of the Resolution A/HRC/43/L.30 of March 31, 2020.