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Point of order raised by the Delegation of Ukraine regarding the speaker “Association of Lawyers of Russia”

The participation in the OSCE event of the “Association of Lawyers of Russia” grossly violates the provisions of the paragraph 16, Chapter IV, of the 1992 Helsinki Document, prohibiting the participation in the OSCE events or activities of “persons or organizations which resort to the use of violence or publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence.”

The UN General Assembly in its Resolution “Aggression against Ukraine” of 02 March 2022, recognized that the Russian federation is perpetrating an act of aggression against Ukraine in violation of Article 2 (4) of the UN Charter.

According to the UN GA Resolution 3314 “Definition of Aggression”, “Aggression is the use of armed force by a State against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of another State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations”.

Numerous public statements and pieces of information of the participant “Association of Lawyers of Russia”, contain clear and irrefutable evidence of support expressed by this organization for Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Ukraine’s territories, which constitute public condonation of the use of violence and ongoing mass atrocities against civilian population by the Russian armed forces in Ukraine. It was manifested, in particular, in their public support and justification of Russia’s so-called “special military operation”, “denazification” and “demilitarization” of Ukraine, and attempts of the illegal change of status of Ukraine’s territories.

Based on the facts described above, and guided by the 1992 Helsinki Document,

Ukraine requests the Chairpersonship to rule out of order the participant “Association of Lawyers of Russia” and prohibit its participation in this and any future OSCE human dimension events.

Ukraine counts that our official request will be immediately addressed by the Chairpersonship and concrete measures taken to bring the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference in line with the OSCE principles and commitments.