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Excellency,

In our respective capacities as Chairperson of the Committee against Torture and Rapporteur of the Committee for Follow-up to Concluding Observations, we have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the sixth periodic report of Ukraine, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 53<sup>rd</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/UKR/CO/6, para. 27) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 9, 10(a) and 11(a) of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow us to express appreciation for your letter of 2 December 2015, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/UKR/CO/6/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

## Fundamental legal safeguards (para. 9)

The Committee appreciates the extensive and thorough information provided by the State party that addresses most of its recommendations on the matter. It considers that substantive steps have been taken to implement those recommendations but would appreciate receiving additional information about the results of the monitoring in practice of compliance with fundamental safeguards, as well as on the efforts made to create a single register of pretrial detention, as recommended by the Committee (2/B1).

## Excessive use of force and killings (para. 10)

The Committee appreciates the extensive information provided by the State party and considers that substantive steps have been taken towards the implementation of its recommendations (3/B1).

Use of excessive force and grave violations of the Convention in the context of recent events in the east (para. 11)

The Committee appreciates the information received from the State party and considers that initial steps have been taken to implement its recommendations (3/B2).

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H.E. Mr. Yurii Klymenko Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations Office at Geneva Email: pm\_un2@mfa.gov.ua The Government of Ukraine is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the sixth periodic report of Ukraine.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Sweden on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Jens Modvig

Chairperson

Committee against Torture

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