



Proposals of Ukraine **Steps to be taken to intensify UN efforts in the combating of antisemitism**

Ukraine welcomes the holding of a high-level online event on mainstreaming the combating of anti-Semitism within the UN system as a side event to the 75th United Nations General Assembly. We consider this issue very timely and relevant.

We are deeply concerned about the alarming rise of anti-Semitism and the incitement of racial and religious hatred. As a Party to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Ukraine strongly condemns such actions and calls on all member states to fully comply with their obligations under the Convention.

We are convinced that there is an urgent need today to redouble our efforts within the UN so that the fight against anti-Semitism is not limited to formal talks during the discussions of agenda items, but has a practical content.

To this end, we propose, first of all, to continue the efforts of UNESCO and other UN institutions in the field of education and information to prevent anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and other forms of intolerance. We consider it necessary to involve more experts on anti-Semitism, as well as representatives of NGOs on panel discussions and side events at the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council.

In addition, the belief that the issue of anti-Semitism should be more widely represented during the consideration of the agenda items of the UN General Assembly, first of all, item 70 of the current 75th session: "Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance".

We welcome the decision of the General Assembly to designate 22 August as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion and Belief. At the same time, it is important that it becomes not just one of the formal international days, but a day of true world solidarity in the fight

against anti-Semitism and other manifestations of xenophobia.

Ukraine undertakes to make efforts to implement these proposals within the UN. We are convinced that only through the joint efforts of all stakeholders, both at the governmental level and at the level of civil society, we will be able to achieve success to mainstream the combating of anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance within the UN system.