*Unofficial translation from Ukrainian language*

**Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons**

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**Dear Mr. Cecilia!**

I take this opportunity to express the assurance of my highest consideration to You and to inform that I have considered an electronic request from the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions to provide information on the impact of natural phenomena and climate change on the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

One of the priorities of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights is to respect the rights of IDPs who were forced to leave the Crimean Peninsula and Donetsk and Luhansk regions after the Russian Federation annexed part of Ukraine in 2014 and launched hostilities in the East of our country.

Consequently, the basis for the internal movement of persons in Ukraine was climate change, but the deployment of hostilities by the Russian Federation, which led to the annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the occupation of the part of the territories in eastern Ukraine.

In this regard, the institution of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights takes active measures in the interests of IDPs, protecting their fundamental rights, including right to housing, health care, education, and social benefits.

At the same time, it should be noted that since there are no significant climate changes in Ukraine, their impact on the rights of internally displaced persons was not recorded by the institution of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights during the period of armed aggression of the Russian Federation.

Taking this opportunity, I renew assurances of my highest consideration.

**Sincerely Yours,**

**Commissioner Liudmyla Denisova**