



UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS

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STATEMENT OF *UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS* REGARDING THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT

The statement of the international human rights organization *Amnesty International* arouses the indignation of Ukrainian society, which expects the justice and impartiality from the international community regarding the war that Russia has unleashed against Ukraine. Instead, such international documents impose a distorted narrative that works in favor of the aggressor and devalues the efforts of Ukraine and Ukrainians in the fight against the occupier.

Russia is a country-terrorist that carries out daily bombings and has destroyed Ukrainian cities and towns, schools, hospitals, and objects of cultural heritage. It is Russia that uses civilian infrastructure and population to wage the war, has caused mass killings and casualties among civilian population on the temporarily occupied territories. And it is Russia that is waging an undeclared war, violating all the norms of international law and war laws, committing genocide, violating any human norms.

In this war Ukraine defends itself and remains open to international mechanisms of objective assessment of both the aggressor actions and the actions of Ukrainian military personnel. In particular, Ukraine has proactively appealed to the International Criminal Court and allowed war crimes and crimes against humanity to be investigated on its territory, and law enforcement agencies have shown readiness to assist these investigations.

Ukrainian Women's Congress appeals to the representatives of civil society, Ukrainian and international human rights and women's organizations and calls on -

- **to express public position** regarding such statements, which do not take into account all the conditions in which the war is waged, and therefore distort the reality of the international crime of aggression and substitutes narratives;

- **to tell the truth** about the war, based on real facts and understanding of the context, and not to allow substitution of concepts and double standards that work in favor of evil;
- **to demonstrate courage** and to take responsibility for just and impartial advocacy and protection of values, international norms and human rights.

Ukrainian Women's Congress also calls for the publication of the names of experts and analysts who conducted the assessment of the situation, which became the basis for *Amnesty International's* statement.

The most brutal war since the World War II is going on in Ukraine, and the whole world is witnessing the most terrible crime - the crime of aggression, which violates state's sovereign borders, principles and norms of international humanitarian law, and undermines the foundations of international security. We call to honestly name the aggression and the aggressor and stop the international crime that poses a threat to the whole world.