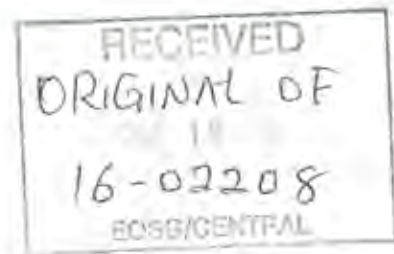


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**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to a round table discussion entitled "Second Anniversary of the adoption of GA Resolution "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine" (A/Res/68/262) which will take place from 13.15 to 14.30 on March 17, 2016 at the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

I would like to ask you to share your views on the utter importance of this document in preserving Ukraine's territorial integrity as a distinguished panelist (the concept note of the event is attached).

Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya and other guests from Ukraine as well as members of the UN community in New York (including Permanent Representatives of France, Germany, Poland, Head of the EU Delegation and others) will be among speakers during the event. A round table discussion will entail brief remarks of our distinguished speakers (5-7 minutes) followed by question and answer session.

For any further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me personally or Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine (email: volodymyr.mialkovskyi@mfa.gov.ua, phone 212-759-7003 ext.127) who is a coordinator of this event.

While looking forward to your early reply, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Volodymyr Yelchenko
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General

New York



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Concept note

of a round table discussion "Second Anniversary of the adoption of GA Resolution
"Territorial Integrity of Ukraine"

On March 27, 2014, the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly (100 votes- "for", 11 votes- "against") approved a resolution "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" confirming Ukraine's territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders and calling on all States to desist and refrain from actions aimed at the partial or total disruption of Ukraine's national unity and territorial integrity, including any attempts to modify Ukraine's borders through the threat or use of force or other unlawful means.

Underscoring that the March 16, 2014 "referendum" in Crimea that led to the peninsula's annexation by Russia has no validity, the General Assembly called on all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any changes in the status of Crimea and Sevastopol on the basis of the "referendum", and to refrain from any actions or steps which could be construed as acceptance of the "referendum" results.

The Resolution is an important political and legal document that confirms the status quo of the internationally recognized borders of Ukraine and should prevent international recognition of the illegal "referendum" and annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Co-authors of the resolution included all of the EU Member States, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, Indonesia, Mexico, Turkey and many others, totaling 47 member states from all regions of the world.

For the UN as an independent actor on the international arena, the provisions of the General Assembly's Resolution "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine" are mandatory and of direct effect. In particular, due to this Resolution, the Crimea is still marked as a part of Ukrainian territory in all the UN documents and maps used in the UN framework, including the Security Council, General Assembly and the Economic and Social Committee; visits of UN representatives to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea shall be held in view of the peninsula's status as a part of Ukraine.

The binding nature of Resolution for the UN Secretariat, its organizations, institutions and agencies has been publicly emphasized on multiple occasions by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. This decision of the General Assembly also serves as an important landmark for other international organizations, primarily those working or otherwise related to the largest universal organization.

This year Ukraine commemorates the Second anniversary of the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine".

During the round table the participants will be able to touch upon historical perspective, value and course of adoption of the resolution as well as discuss further steps of de-occupation of Crimean peninsula.

The round table will take place from 1.15 pm to 2.30 pm on March 17, 2016 at the United Nations Trusteeship Council. Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya and other guests from Ukraine as well as distinguished members of the UN community in New York will be among speakers during the event. A round table discussion will entail brief remarks of our distinguished speakers (5-7 minutes) followed by question and answer session.