We cordially invite you to the side event:

Human rights situation in Ukraine: occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and military aggression in the east.

The human rights situation in Ukraine has gone into a downward spiral with the occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and the armed conflict in the east of the country. One year after the civil unrest and public protests at Euromaidan, the military aggression and illegal occupation have grave consequences for civilians and Ukrainian citizens in terrorist-controlled and occupied territories.

In Crimea violations of civil, political and social rights have become an everyday phenomenon and the national minority and indigenous people, the Crimean Tatars, are especially vulnerable.

In the eastern regions of Ukraine activities of illegal armed groups lead to violation of human rights, including war crimes and crimes against humanity, torture, abduction, extrajudicial executions and more.

The Ukrainian ombudsperson and representatives from civil society will talk about the grave situation for human rights on this side event to the 28th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

**Speakers:**

* **Valeria Lutkovska**, the Ukrainian Ombudsperson.
* **Refat Chubarov**, Head of the Mejilis of the Crimean Tatar People.
* **Olga Skrypnyk** of “Almenda” Civic Education Center.
* **Aleksandra Matviichuk**of the Center for Civil Liberties.