

Human Rights Council – 41st Session

Resolution: Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine

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Australian Statement: General Comment

Australia strongly supports the draft resolution L.9, *Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights*.

The OHCHR's most recent update – presented in this chamber on Wednesday – makes clear the need for ongoing reporting on human rights in Ukraine. Australia is concerned that the OHCHR documented 230 human rights violations and abuses in a three-month period and hostilities in a number of hotspots along the contact line continue to have a significant impact on the lives of people who live there.

We note this engagement by the OHCHR is consistent with the HRC's prevention mandate. We note also that this is an item 10 resolution on Ukraine led by Ukraine and it is entirely appropriate that the Human Rights Council and the OHCHR provides technical assistance and capacity-building advice at the request of a state.

Australia regrets that this Item 10 text has not been adopted by consensus in the past. We call on all members to support the adoption of the draft resolution L.9.

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