I. Objectives

1. To assess the obstacles in existing Ukrainian legislation that hinder accountability for perpetrators of international crimes

2. To discuss the implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) into Ukraine’s revised Criminal Code


II. Expected Outcomes

1. Improved understanding of the role parliamentarians can play in aligning Ukrainian legislation with international laws and standards

2. Increased knowledge of feasible adaptations to Ukrainian legislature that bring perpetrators of international crimes to justice

3. Revision of the draft law on harmonization of Criminal Code of Ukraine and the Rome Statute of ICC, in preparation for effective membership of Ukraine in the first permanent system of international criminal justice created by the Rome Statute
III. AGENDA

Working language – Ukrainian, English (simultaneous translation is provided)

15:00  Registration time
15:20  Introduction to the Seminar

Chair:  Ms. Olexandra Matviychuk, Chair of the Board, Center for Civil Liberties (3 Minutes)

Opening remarks:

Ms. Oksana Syroyid, MP, Deputy Speaker, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (3 Minutes)

Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (3 Minutes)

Hon. Sergiy Petukhov, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Justice of Ukraine (3 Minutes)

15:45  Panel I: Accountability for Perpetrators of International Crimes – International Law and the current status of Ukrainian Legislation

Chair:  Ms. Olena Sotnyk, MP (Ukraine), Member of PGA

Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP (Germany), Co-convener of the PGA International Law & Human Rights Programme, Vice-Chair Human Rights Sub Committee, European Parliament (5 Minutes)

Mr. Mark Pritchard, MP (UK, House of Commons), Chair of the PGA UK National Group (5 Minutes)

Mr. Wayne Jordash QC, British Lawyer, Managing Partner of Global Rights Compliance (5 Minutes)

Mr. Oleksandr Prokopov, Head of Division, Department for Investigation of the Crimes against National Security of Ukraine, Peace, Human Security and International Law and Order, Chief Military Prosecutor's Office /Mr. Igor Nimchenko/, prosecutor of Department for Investigation of the Crimes against National Security of Ukraine, Peace, Human Security and International Law and Order (5 Minutes)
Mr. Simon Papuashvili (Georgia), Project Coordinator for the International Partnership for Human Rights (3 Minutes)


Chair: Mr. Graham Jones, MP (UK), Member of PGA

Mr. Kostantin Zadoya, Head of Human Rights Agenda Working Group (5 Minutes)

Mr. Volodymyr Vasylenko, Head of the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations in Ukraine, Judge in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (5 Minutes)

Mr. Mustafa Nayyem, MP (Ukraine) (3 Minutes)

Mr. Anton Geraschenko, MP (Ukraine) (3 Minutes)

Mr. Jan Römer, Legal Adviser in International Committee of the Red Cross (5 Minutes)

Mr. Oleksandr Pavlichenko, Coalition “Justice for Peace in Donbas” (3 Minutes)

16:45 Conclusions: Moving forward – Where do we go from here?

Interactive Discussion among government representatives, MPs, international experts and civil society chaired by Ms. Svitlana Zalishchuk, MP, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and Euro-integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Foreign Affairs

Comments by Mr. Alexandre Prezanti, UK Lawyer, Partner of Global Diligence LLP (3 Minutes)

17:15 Meeting Summary by the Rapporteur Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, PGA (3 minutes)

Closing Remarks by Ms. Svitlana Zalishchuk, MP, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and Euro-integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Foreign Affairs

17:30 End of the meeting and informal discussion during coffee break