

The Ministerial Meeting of the Dialogue Group on Accountability for Ukraine met on 07 May 2026. The group was established following the Ukraine Accountability Conference held in The Hague on 14 July 2022. The Dialogue Group operates as a non-decision-making platform for supporting accountability for international crimes in Ukraine, notably by enabling international expert input on legislative reform and strengthening cooperation among stakeholders. This year marks the third Ministerial meeting of the Dialogue Group, where the following recommendations for the Government of Ukraine were agreed under the themes of the panels of the meeting.

## THEME: HARMONIZATION OF UKRAINIAN LEGISLATION WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

We recommend that:

1.1. A draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine and the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine with a view to improving legislation on liability for international crimes through harmonization with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court”, developed by the respective interagency working group, be submitted to the Rada.

1.2. The Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Justice, and other respective state authorities of Ukraine engage with the Parliament of Ukraine following the submission of the draft law, including through discussions during the legislative process and can request advice from international experts and civil society.

1.3. The Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Justice, and other respective state authorities of Ukraine finalize the development of the draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine regarding the protection of the rights of victims of criminal offences” and continue engaging and requesting advice from international experts and civil society. This should also include a view to implementing Directive 2012/29/EU, to be submitted to the Parliament of Ukraine for consideration.

1.4. Ukraine is supported by experts in view of the future ratification and implementation of “the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes, and Other International Crimes”, acknowledging that for this convention to effectively enhance mutual legal assistance, ratification by more is required.

1.5. The state authorities of Ukraine continue the positive practice of cooperation with international partners and civil society with a view to addressing issues related to the harmonization of national legislation with international standards.

THEME: STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE INVESTIGATION AND  
PROSECUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMES: PRIORITIZATION AND  
EFFECTIVE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

We recommend that:

2.1. The Office of the Prosecutor General effectively collaborate with, and coordinate the efforts of, state authorities, international partners, and civil society in implementing the Strategy for the Exercise of Prosecutorial Powers in Criminal Prosecution for International Crimes for the period 2026–2028 (hereinafter referred to as the “Strategy”) and its Operational Plan.

2.2. The Office of the Prosecutor General, in coordination with international partners such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) and civil society, implements a mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Strategy and its Operational Plan. In particular, the Strategy and the Plan will serve as key instruments for the development and implementation of comprehensive prioritization criteria for criminal cases concerning international crimes.

2.3. The draft law developed by the Office of the Prosecutor General, “On Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine regarding the expansion of the prosecutor’s discretion at the initial stage of the pre-trial investigation with a view to ensuring the prioritization of criminal proceedings” is submitted to the Rada; civil society, international partners and the expert community, will be involved in discussions during the legislative process to ensure that prioritization of criminal cases concerning international crimes is institutionalized through tailored legislative changes.

2.4. The state authorities of Ukraine and international partners continue to advocate for strong focus and cooperation on the investigation of international crimes in Ukrainian society, continuing their underlined commitment to engage with and provide support to Ukrainian national authorities and non-governmental organizations.

2.5. The Ministry of Justice, Office of the President and competent authorities are invited to consider and commit to developing and adopting state policy on ensuring accountability for grave international crimes.

2.6. Critical donor support to Ukraine continues to be an essential part of ensuring sustained advancement of accountability efforts at a strong pace.