

CONCEPT NOTE
High-Level Side Event

**The Fifth Summit of the International Crimea Platform:
“Acknowledging UNGA’s Role in Promoting Respect
for the UN Charter in the Context of Crimea”**

Hosted by Ukraine

24 September 2025, 13:00 PM – 2:30 PM
UN-Headquarters, Conference Room 1

Introduction

The convening of this high-level event in the year marking the 80th anniversary of the United Nations aims to reaffirm the global commitment of UN Member States to the foundational principles of the UN Charter and to the norms and principles of international law that unite all nations in the pursuit of peace, security, and cooperation.

The 2025 Summit will acknowledge the important role the United Nations General Assembly has consistently played in supporting the core principles of the Charter, in particular respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the non-use of force and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

The resolutions adopted by the Assembly since 2014 have represented a firm response by the international community to the war of aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the attempted annexation and temporary occupation of Ukraine’s territory, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, acts that constitute a grave violation of the UN Charter and international law.

Reaffirming the fundamental principles of the UN will help prevent future acts of aggression against sovereign States and strengthen ongoing international efforts towards achieving a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, in line with the principles of the UN Charter, and restoring Ukraine’s territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders extending to its territorial waters.

The Crimea Platform is an international consultation and coordination format initiated by Ukraine in 2021 to consolidate global efforts in responding to Russia’s ongoing occupation of Crimea and mounting security threats in the Black Sea and Azov regions and advance the de-occupation of Crimea.

Since its launch at the inaugural Summit in Kyiv on 23 August 2021, the Crimea Platform has grown into a robust and dynamic framework uniting governments, international organizations, parliaments, civil society, and the expert community.

Structure and format

The High–Level Side Event will be hosted by Ukraine.

The Heads of delegations to the 80th session of the UNGA will be entitled to make interventions (each statement should not exceed three minutes).

English is a working language of the Conference.

We kindly request that the delegations of the UN member-states send their confirmations of participation in the Summit as well as alignment with the New York Declaration to the following email address: dmytro.tymoshenko@mfa.gov.ua. The deadline for registration is Friday, 19 September COB.

The participation will be limited, in particular HL participants 1+3, all others 1+1.

The event will be broadcast on UN Web TV.

Scenario

The brief scenario is the following:

- 13:00 - opening.
- 13:03-13:05 - video.
- 13:05 - 13:07 - adoption of the NY declaration of the Summit.
- 13:07 - 13:17. - statement by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
- 13:18 - 13:23 - statement by Mr. Mustafa Dzhamiliev, the leader of the Crimea Tatar people.
- 13:25 - 14:25 - statement by the distinguished participants.
- 14:25-14:30 - closing.

Outcomes

The New York Declaration will be issued as an outcome of the Summit, reaffirming commitment of the UN Member States to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the non-use of force, and the peaceful settlement of international disputes. It will also acknowledge the UNGA's consistent and principled stance in defending and upholding these principles. It will reaffirm the illegality of territorial acquisition resulting from the use of force and the non-recognition of the attempted annexation and temporary occupation of Ukraine's territory.

The Declaration will address violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, occurring in the temporary occupied territories of Ukraine, including in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine).

The Declaration will also support the efforts to promote a comprehensive and lasting peace

in Ukraine, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, and encourage constructive engagement in the relevant diplomatic efforts, consultation and coordination formats, including the International Crimea Platform.