



## CONCEPT NOTE

### UN SECURITY COUNCIL ARRIA-FORMULA MEETING

#### 10 YEARS OF EUROMAIDAN IN UKRAINE:

#### A STEP INTO ABYSS

**Date:** December 27, 2023

**Time:** 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

**Venue:** In-person meeting in CR 6

**Participation:** All UN Member States, Permanent Observers, UN entities, civil society organizations and press are invited.

#### **Background and Objective:**

On 21 November 2013 the Ukrainian government, guided by the need to protect Ukrainian economy and national interests, suspended preparations for signing the Association Agreement with the European Union. This sovereign decision was met with well-organized and orchestrated wave of civil unrest which was named “Euromaidan” or simply “Maidan” and eventually led to the bloody unconstitutional coup-d’état in February 2014.

From its inception, mass protests were ignited, supported and directed by the EU and the USA. A loud minority of far-right radicals and neo-Nazis was used as a leverage for regime change and unleashing anti-Russia hysteria and oppression of Russian-speaking Ukrainians. The violence during “Maidan” resulted in dozens of people killed, and those responsible for these crimes are yet to be identified and brought to justice. A growing amount of evidence confirms that “Maidan” leaders may be personally involved and complicit in the killings.

The aftermath of the coup-d’état was catastrophic for the whole country. Nationalists in power drowned their own people in the Eastern regions of Ukraine in blood. They perpetrated mass killings of anti-Maidan activists in Odessa, Mariupol and other cities. They waged a war against the regions of Donetsk and Lugansk which rejected the coup-d’état and suppression of their rights. Meanwhile, Western sponsors of the new Kiev authorities covered them in their brutal crimes and even used the Minsk agreements, as we

now know from them, as a smokescreen to arm Ukraine and prepare it for a war with Russia.

The history of “Maidan” is important in order to understand the origins of the current decline and erosion of Ukraine as a state. It is crucial to give a truthful account of these events and avoid their misinterpretation.

Therefore, the objective of the Arria Formula meeting is to provide an opportunity for participants and eye-witnesses of those events, as well as representatives of civil society and academia, to share their knowledge on “Maidan” and its consequences. The discussion should allow the Council Members to obtain deeper knowledge and understanding of what happened in Ukraine ten years ago and how it affects the present situation.

### **Program:**

Welcoming remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Vassily Nebenzia**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations;

Panel presentations:

- **Mr. Mikhail Khazin**, Russian economist and commentator;
- **Mr. Maxim Grigoriev**, Head of “Fund for Democracy Problems Studies”, Member of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation;
- **Mr. Vitaly Zakharchenko**, Ukraine’s Minister of Internal Affairs in 2011-2014;
- **Mr. Dmirty Sabyna**, Head of a unit of Ukrainian “Berkut” special police force during Maidan events.

Discussion:

- Statements by UN Security Council members and other UN member states as time permits, Q&A. Interventions are suggested to be limited to 5 minutes.

Closing remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Vassily Nebenzia**.