

Dear colleagues,

On September 7, 2019 the historical exchange of the Russian and Ukrainian citizens who returned to their home countries took place.

Please, find attached more information related to the anniversary of the nationals release.

With kind regards,

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Russian and Ukrainian nationals release anniversary

Due to the agreement between the President of the Russian Federation V. Putin and the President of Ukraine V. Zelensky the historical exchange of the Russian and Ukrainian citizens who eventually returned to their home countries took place on the 7th of September 2019.

Clearly, this swap went down in the history of the contemporary practice of human rights protection as a large-scale humanitarian action and an obvious demonstration of the ability to compromise and to overcome major challenges.

It is worth noting, that close cooperation between the Russian and Ukrainian Ombudswomen contributed to the 2019 prisoners exchange, which demonstrated the value priorities of the Russian Federation such as goodwill and positive approach, when human well-being and life are at stake.

Humanism is not an abstract concept. It attests to the hard and coherent work of the state authorities and human rights community while pursuing all available tools to provide assistance and immediate protection for compatriots facing difficult circumstances abroad.

The event could be considered as a practical example of the implementation of morality and humanity.

I firmly believe, that this successful mission may serve as a basis for the sustainable plan of actions for the conflict de-escalation and the subsequent normalization of relations between the two states.

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