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Compliance with human rights, including the right of assembly, in Ukraine

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1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully considered the Honourable Parliamentarian's written question.
2. It expects that all member States of the Council of Europe fully respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights, including the right to freedom of assembly and association as guaranteed by Article 11 of the Convention.
3. The Committee recalls that, in December 2013, it approved a proposal by the Secretary General to establish an International Advisory Panel (IAP) responsible for examining whether the investigations into the violent incidents which have taken place in Ukraine from 30 November onwards, including the tragic event in Odessa on 2 May 2014, meet the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights.
4. Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, was appointed Chairman of the IAP. The other two members are Mr Butkevych, a former judge of the Court, and Mr Oleg Anpilov, a former prosecutor.
5. On 26 November 2014, the Chairman of the IAP presented to the Committee of Ministers the work of the IAP to date as well as its future planned activities. This information is available on the Panel's website (see: www.coe.int/en/web/portal/international-advisory-panel). On this occasion, Sir Nicolas Bratza referred to the good level of co-operation with the Ukrainian authorities. The Committee of Ministers invites these authorities to continue to co-operate with the IAP.

