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Ukraine should stop water, energy and transport blockade which is gravely violating the human rights of the people of Crimea

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Historically, 80 to 85% of Crimea's water supply was provided by water from the Dnieper river. In 2014, Ukrainian authorities cut the North Crimean Canal which was the main line of fresh water supply. This act violates a number of international conventions: the European Convention on Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. It is worth mentioning that there are many Crimean Tatars who suffer from the water blockade launched by Kiev. While coastal districts of Crimea cope with the water blockade fairly well, internal Crimean rural areas where Crimean Tatars constitute more than 20% of population are the most affected.

Ukraine blocks the region in terms of water, energy, and transport in order to impede social and economic development of the Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol. Such actions actually imply collective punishment of the people of Crimea for their political opinion. Millions of people are hostages of the criminal inhuman policy of Ukraine, which is unacceptable.

Ukraine has violated its obligations arising from the above-mentioned documents, including the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular those regarding the right to life, which it must respect as a member State of the Council of Europe.

Mr Tolstoi

To ask the Committee of Ministers:

Will the Committee of Ministers take a position on this situation?

