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The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine

Reply to Recommendation¹: Recommendation 2090 (2016)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully considered Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2090 (2016) on "The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine".
2. The Committee of Ministers points out that, in the context of the Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017, the Council of Europe provides assistance to the competent Ukrainian authorities to offer help, including psychological support, to certain categories of victims of the conflict. The Pompidou Group, in particular, has helped to identify needs and formulate solutions with regard to the military personnel involved in military operations in eastern Ukraine, who run the risk of suffering from post-trauma stress disorder (PTSD) and, consequently, are liable to use psychotropic substances. These efforts have been extended to the civilian population, and especially to internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have suffered trauma or witnessed violence in Ukraine. In this context, particular attention could be focused on people who have been captured and their families.
3. Furthermore, the Parliamentary Assembly also recommends that the Committee of Ministers encourage the Ukrainian and Russian authorities to facilitate monitoring visits by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The Committee of Ministers will continue to monitor this issue very closely in order to ensure the effective protection of human rights in the areas affected by the conflict.

1. Adopted at the 1286th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (10-11 May 2017).

