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International Advisory Panel to present its review of the Odesa violence investigations on Wednesday in Kyiv, on Thursday in Odesa

Strasbourg, 29.10.2015 – The report of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) on its review of the investigations into the violent incidents in Odesa in May 2014 will be presented at press conferences in Kyiv on Wednesday, 4 November 2015, and in Odesa on Thursday, 5 November 2015.

The report will be presented by Sir **Nicolas Bratza**, Chair of the IAP, former President of the European Court of Human Rights; **Volodymyr Butkevych**, IAP Member, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, and **Oleg Anpilogov**, IAP Member, a former prosecutor of Ukraine.

The Special Advisor of the Council of Europe Secretary General for Ukraine, Christos Giakoumopoulos, will also take part in the press conference in Kyiv.

The **press conference in Kyiv** will take place at **10:00 local time** on **Wednesday, 4 November**, at the Ukrinform Press Centre (8/16 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho Street). Language regime: English – Ukrainian.

The **press conference in Odesa** will take place the next day, on **Thursday, 5 November**, at **10:00** local time, at the Londonskaya Hotel (11 Prymorskyi Blvd). Language regime: English – Ukrainian.

Given limited space, **prior accreditation of media representatives is mandatory.** The deadline for media accreditation for both press conferences is 9:00 on 4 November 2015.

Media accreditation for both press conferences is done by the Council of Europe's Office in Kyiv, contact person for accreditation: Olga Lytvyniuk, Tel.+38 050 452 31 18

Media representatives will be kindly requested to present press IDs (press cards) to be allowed to the press conference room.

Background:

The International Advisory Panel was set up by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe with the initial mandate of reviewing the investigation into the violent incidents during the Maidan demonstrations in Kyiv. In September 2014, in a letter sent to the Secretary General, the Ukrainian Government confirmed that the investigation into the violent events of 2 May 2014 in Odesa should also be covered by the Panel's mandate. The Panel operates in accordance with its mandate.

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