September 2015:

* Andriy Futey and Tamara Olexy participated in the Annual Meeting of the UWC in Madrid, Spain.

• Coordinated with the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations (PMUUN) on organizing a community gathering on September 26, 2015, to welcome President Petro Poroshenko and First Lady Maryna Poroshenko prior to the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). UWC UN Committee Chair Andriy Futey presented President Petro Poroshenko with an Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a gift from the Ukrainian-American community.

• Organized and coordinated with various ethnic communities several protests prior to President Putin's first appearance at the UNGA in 10 years.
  - Sunday morning, September 27, at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza across from the United Nations;
  - Sunday afternoon, September 27, Solidarity March from Grand Army Plaza proceeding up towards the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nation;
  - Monday morning, September 28, at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza when Putin was scheduled to give his address to the General Assembly;
  - Coordinated with advocates for the following groups who mobilized their communities to come out for each protests: Ukrainians, Poles, Latvians, Lithuanians, Estonians, Belarusians, Georgians, Circassians, Crimean Tatars, Russians, and Women’s Groups.
  - Pictures, press coverage and graphics here: https://www.facebook.com/events/452703821579303/

• Coordinated with the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations (PMUUN) and other Ukrainian NGOs on organizing a gathering of women leaders of Ukrainian diaspora organizations with First Lady Maryna Poroshenko at the PMUUN. Tamara Olexy attended the meeting as well as a subsequent gathering with the First Lady at the Ukrainian Museum in New York.

• On September 29th, Tamara Olexy attended a high-level discussion entitled The Future of Eastern Europe: Empowerment of Women hosted by the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Dalia Grybauskaitė. Also attending the meeting were:
  - Madeleine Albright, former US Secretary of State;
  - Natalia Gherman, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova;
  - Vera Savchenko, sister of Ukrainian POW Nadiya Savchenko;
  - Mariia Ionova, Member of Ukraine’s Parliament and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration;
  - Svitlana Zalishchuk, Member of Ukraine’s Parliament and Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Euro-Atlantic cooperation and Euro-integration

October 2015

• In October 2015, coordinated with PMUUN to bring out attendees for a special exhibit at the UN entitled Ukraine and UN: United by Peace, highlighting Ukraine’s history as a founding member of the United Nations and former member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in advance of the UNGA voting on prospective members for the UNSC in 2016-17.
Coordinated a meeting with Ambassador Sergeyev, PMUUN staff and Ukrainian NGOs to pre-plan possible events in 2016.

**November 2015**
- On November 25, coordinated National Commemoration of the Holodomor, Stalin’s Famine Genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians in 1932-33 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The effort was led by committee members Tamara Olexy and Andrij Dobriansky. Coordination included working with PMUUN staff as well as the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations (PMUSUN).

- Attended and assisted in generating attendance for a UN side event on November 25 organized by the PMUUN and the Youth Delegation of Ukraine to the United Nations entitled Ability Beyond Disability, highlighting civil society efforts working to foster growing acceptance for those living with disabilities in Ukraine.

**December 2015**
- On December 2, Andrij Dobriansky appeared on Turkish Radio Television to debate Vyacheslav Matuzov, Chairman of the Russian Friendship Society with Arab Countries, one week after a Russian Sukhoi Su-24 was shot down by Turkey. Program can be found here: https://youtu.be/s8tkscK_9iU?list=PLUW304lJeu3XZ4t7UhXcjvS2_lvuw-zh

- On December 4, Andrij Dobriansky spoke on a panel at the Scandinavia House in New York organized by the Joint Baltic American National Committee, discussing security and economic developments in Eastern Europe alongside a representative of the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations, the Consul General of Latvia to the United States, and others.

- Working with the PMUUN, the Committee developed a program of Remembrance of the Holodomor, Stalin’s Famine Genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians in 1932-33 at the United Nations. Coordinated event to fall on the inaugural International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide (December 9).

- Andrij Dobriansky attended and spoke at press conference organized by the Syrian American Council in the aftermath of Russian bombing of Syria, as US and Middle East Diplomats met at the United Nations.

- Committee members attended as observers the UNSC meeting on December 11, which focused on the assessment of the human rights situation based on the work of the Monitoring Mission of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presented by Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights. John Ging, Director of Operations in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), reported on the July expulsion of many humanitarian aid agencies by the de facto authorities in non-Government-controlled areas, saying it was preventing aid from reaching those in need. Speaking via video conference from Kyiv, Ertuğrul Apakan, Chief Monitor for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, described violations of the ceasefire agreement in several “hotspots” within the Donetsk region. Minutes here: http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/PV.7576

- Also on December 11, Committee members met with Minister Pavlo Klimkin and had the opportunity to be introduced to newly appointed Permanent Ambassador of Ukraine to the United Nations, Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko. The members were able to brief the Ambassador about the work of the UWC United Nations Committee.

- On December 13, Andrij Dobriansky attended the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development meeting dedicated to The Paris Climate Agreement & the Road Ahead.

**January 2016**
- In early January, coordinated with PMUUN to bring out attendees for a special exhibit at the UN entitled Ukraine Exists.
• On January 27, Andrij Dobriansky spoke at the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development event entitled Stories from the Front Lines to Renewed Hope for a Sustainable Future, alongside Ayla Bakkali, Adviser to the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations on Indigenous Matters.

February 2016
• Coordinated with PMUUN staff to bring out attendees for a special reception on February 5 welcoming Ambassador Yelchenko to his new appointment and introducing him to various Ukrainian organizations and UN NGOs.

• On February 10, Andrij Dobriansky appeared on Turkish Radio Television to discuss developments in Ukraine since the Revolution of Dignity.

• Working with the World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations and PMUUN staff, brought out attendees and put together a program on February 22 entitled Ukraine Celebrates the UN International Mother Language Day at the United Nations, featuring:
  - Ihor Dlaboha, of the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) & Vinculum Foundation, as moderator;
  - Yuri Shevchuk, PhD, Department of Slavic Languages, Columbia University, speaking on Ukrainian Identity and Language in Ukraine after the EuroMaidan;
  - Sofika Zieylyk (Ukrainian-language) and Marina Calendar (English-language) delivering dramatic reading of Lina Kostenko’s writing;
  - Ayla Bakkalli, USA Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, speaking on Persecution of Mother Tongue and the Violation of Cultural Rights in Occupied Crimea;
  - Akhtem Esatov, from Crimean Tatar Youth, performing dramatic readings of Crimean Tatar poetry and singing Crimean Tatar songs;
  - The Olesia Gordynska Ensemble performing musical selections in the Ukrainian language.

March 2016
• Coordinated with PMUUN staff and other Ukrainian NGOs to bring out attendees for a special round table discussion on March 17 at the United Nations Trusteeship Council on the occasion of the Second Anniversary of the adoption of UNGA Resolution “On the Territorial Integrity of Ukraine”, which featured testimony from Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev.

• Coordinated with World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations UN representatives and PMUUN staff to bring out attendees for a special round table discussion with Ukrainian NGOs on March 17 at the PMUUN on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women Conference.

• On March 18, Andrij Dobriansky participated at a Crimean Tatar community meeting with Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev.

April 2016
• At the invitation of the Executive Committee of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars, Andrij Dobriansky traveled to Vilnius, Lithuania to participate in meetings on April 11-13. He was a guest of the Lithuanian government which organized a corresponding International Conference on Mass Violation of Human Rights in Occupied Crimea at the Lithuanian Parliament, alongside:
  - H.E. Loreta Graužiniienė, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - H.E. Mustafa Dzhemilev, Leader of Crimean Tatars, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
  - H.E. Refat Chubarov, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Chair of World Congress of Crimean Tatars, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
  - H.E. Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania;
  - H.E. Vytautas Landsbergis, Professor, First head of state of Lithuania;
- H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich, first head of state of independent Belarus
- Gediminas Kirkilas, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Chair of Committee on European Affairs of Seimas;
- Emanuolis Zingeris, Deputy Chair of Committee on European Affairs of Seimas, Signatory to the Act of the Re-establishment of the State of Lithuania;
- Vilija Aleknaitė-Abramikienė, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Deputy Head of Seimas Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

• Working with PMUUN staff, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations and other Ukrainian NGOs, organized a special exhibit to be on display at the United Nations for 10 days on the occasion of the 30th Commemoration of the Nuclear Disaster at Chornobyl.

• Coordinated with PMUUN staff and other Ukrainian NGOs to bring out attendees for the United Nations General Assembly Opening Dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of Chornobyl on April 26.

• Attended as observers the UNSC meeting on April 28, which featured testimony by Vadym Prystaiko, Ukraine’s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ertuğrul Apakan, Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, testified via videoconference from Kyiv, on the illegal suspension of the monitoring of Luhansk checkpoints. Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Group, reported on ceasefire violations approaching alarming numbers just a few days before Orthodox Easter holidays. Also discussed was the recent decision to ban the activities of the Mejlis, the representative body of the Crimean Tatars, and other pressing human rights concerns. Minutes here: http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/PV.7683

May 2016
• From May 8-May 12, Andrij Dobriansky attended the 15th Session of Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFIS) alongside
  - Ayla Bakkalli, USA Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
  - Eskender Barriev, Member of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis;
  - Emine Dzapparova, First Deputy Minister of Information Policy of Ukraine;
  - PMUUN staff

• Andrij Dobriansky participated at May 18 commemorations of Stalin’s 1944 Genocide of Indigenous Crimean Tatars across New York City.

• On May 24, Andrij Dobriansky attended the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development meeting dedicated to The Role of Education in the Implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

June 2016
• On June 22, Andrij Dobriansky attended a High-Level Political Forum & Stakeholder Engagement with Peter Thomson, President-elect of the 71st United Nations General Assembly, organized by the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
• On June 22, members of the Committee attended a reception at the PMUUN on the occasion of 25th anniversary of non-stop air services between Ukraine and the United States.

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