

**Question for written answer E-001397/2022**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Establishment of a special criminal court for crimes in Ukraine

In my recent speech on the floor of the European Parliament, I expressed my conviction that the monstrous acts of the Russian aggressor in Ukraine call for the establishment of a special international criminal court to punish the atrocities that took place in Bucha, as well as those which the invading Russian troops have committed against local government officials. Indeed, it is clear that mayors have been the target of systematic abductions. There are reports of more than a dozen local government officials from the Kyiv, Kherson, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk oblasts who have been kidnapped by Russian soldiers. Unfortunately, in many cases we can only speculate about what has happened to them and hope that they will not meet the same fate as Olga Suchenko, the Mayor of Motizhyn, who was murdered alongside her husband by the Russian occupiers. I therefore ask: Will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy support the establishment of an international criminal court to punish these flagrant crimes?