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RESPONSIBILITY OF LUKASHENKA'S REGIME FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND MIGRANT CRISIS: PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

PROGRAMME

8:30 Welcome coffee

9:00 Welcoming note of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania **Ms Ewelina Dobrowolska**

9:10 Welcoming note of the Head of the Law and Democracy Center **Mr Dainius Žalimas**

9:30 Keynote speech by the National Leader of Belarus **Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**

9:45 Keynote speech by UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus **Ms Anais Marin** (online participation)

10:00 – 11:30

Session I. Policy of repressions of the Lukashenka's regime in the light of the concept of crimes against humanity (including the presence of widespread and systematic attack, the object of the attack, the possible circle of responsible persons).

Participants:

Alon Margalit, Human Rights Officer, Legal Adviser at the Examination of the human rights situation in Belarus Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (online participation)

Yuri Dzhibladze, Head of Human Rights and Rule of Law Unit, International Strategic Action Network for Security (iSANS)

Urmars Reinsalu, Member of the Estonian Parliament (online participation)

Andrius Kubilius, Member of the European Parliament

Zaza Tavadze, Professor of Constitutional Law at Grigol Robakidze University, Member of Political Party "For Georgia", Faction Chairman

Pavel Latushka, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Head of the National Anti-Crisis Management

Andrei Vasilyeu, Expert of the Law and Democracy Center, MAS in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Moderator: **Vaidotas Beniušis**, Editor In Chief The News portal 15min.lt

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30

Session II. Which crimes against humanity can be established in the activity of the Lukashenka's regime (including the particular elements of torture, persecution on political or national grounds, imprisonment or other severe deprivation of liberty, forced relocation or deportation, enforced disappearance).

Participants:

Carrie McDougall, Melbourne Law School (online participation)

Dr. Wolfgang Benedek, Institute of International Law and International Relations, University of Graz (Austria), OSCE Moscow Mechanism Rapporteur 2020

Roman Yedeliev, Professor at Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University

Hervé Ascensio, Sorbonne Law School, OSCE Moscow Mechanism Rapporteur 2023

Kate Vigneswaran, Head of International Accountability Platform for Belarus, Dignity

Maria Kolesava-Hudzilina, Expert of the Law and Democracy Center, lawyer

Moderator: **Justinas Žilinskis**, Professor at Mykolas Romeris University

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch (restaurant)

Side event: The Role of the Lukashenka Regime and the Union State of Belarus and Russia in Illegal Transfer and Re-education of Ukrainian Children (main hall)

The National Anti-Crisis Management

14:30 – 16:00

Session III. What is the most appropriate option for justice (including the restricted possibilities of universal jurisdiction, the general absence of the ICC jurisdiction, the potential of a special international tribunal on crimes against humanity, in particular its mode, jurisdiction, composition, functioning).

Participants:

Carmen Cheung Ka-Man, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability, USA (online participation)

Aarif Abraham, Barrister at Garden Court North Chambers, Director at Accountability Unit

Alex Whiting, Harvard Law School, Head of Investigations at the Kosovo Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School

Marieke de Hoon, Expert of the Law and Democracy Center, Senior Counsel, Co-Founder and Director, Netherlands Office, Public International Law & Policy Group, Assistant professor, University of Amsterdam

Kristina Rikhter, Advisor on Legal Affairs, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

Saulius Verseckas, Deputy Prosecutor General of the Republic of Lithuania

Zbigniew Ziobro, General Prosecutor of the Republic of Poland

Matevž Pezdirc, Head of the EU Genocide Network Secretariat, Eurojust (online participation)

Isabelle Hassfurth, Legal Advisor at European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights

Moderator: **Ingrida Danėlienė**, Head of Academic Department of Social Sciences, Associate Professor, European Humanities University

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 17:40

Session IV. Establishment of international obligations of Belarus applicable to the situation of sharply increased irregular entries into Lithuania, determining direct involvement of Belarusian institutions in initiation and maintenance of such a situation in Lithuania and ways for ensuring state responsibility for such actions as being in breach of international law.

Participants:

Aleksander Gubrynowicz, Professor at the University of Warsaw

Vytis Jurkonis, Freedom House

Edgars Bondars, Ambassador-at-Large for Three Seas Initiative, Latvia

Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė, Viceminister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania

Moderator: **Indrė Isokaitė-Valužė**, Associate Professor at Vilnius University

17:40 – 18:00

Final Remarks / Closure

18:00 – 20:00 Reception
