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Good day! I am Maksim Volkov from the Information Group on Crimes Against the Person. Over the last two years our group has been following the human rights situation on the territory of Ukraine. Today, I would like to point out the situation with internally displaced/ temporary displaced persons in Ukraine. During the anti-terrorist operation, as it was called, millions of people had to leave their homes and move to other places. Some of them move to the Russian Federation, but the majority preferred to remain in the territory of Ukraine and move to other places in Ukraine. Unfortunately, we see today that the government Ukraine is not able to manage the crisis of internally displaced persons. The exact[...] statistics asked how many people are living, how many internally displaced people are living in the territory of Ukraine. The figures, which have been given, vary from nearly 2 million people to just over 700,000. And therefore the allocations of financing are based on these very different estimates to assist these people. To illustrate the situation, I can tell you that the situation with the provision of housing under Ukrainian legislation temporarily displaced persons must be provided with housing. Unfortunately, today over 60 per cent of temporarily displaced persons have to live with their families and over 30 per cent have to rent housing and pay themselves. Only about 7 per cent of temporarily displaced persons have obtained from the government of Ukraine temporary housing. Moreover, allocation of material assistance, unfortunately, today the amount of material assistance for a 4 persons family is 3 to 4 thousand Hrivni, which is not enough even for subsistence level existence let alone renting housing. Then we have the problem of employment, problems of medicine, the most important that the crisis of displaced persons is being supported by the Ukrainian media, who are calling them separatists and this is going to aggravate the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Thank you.