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У ПАРЛАМЕНТСЬКІЙ
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**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA
OF UKRAINE
TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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Dear colleagues,

On 3 June 2019, the Committee on Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe adopted the draft report by Ms. Petra De Sutter “Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting” where it proposed “*derogation from Rules 6.1 (last sentence) and 6.3 of its Rules of Procedure, relating to the transmission of credentials of national delegations to the President of the Assembly and their ratification by the Assembly, and Rule 11.3 on the appointments following parliamentary elections, to invite the parliaments of Council of Europe member States which are not represented by a delegation to the Assembly to present the credentials of their representatives and substitutes at the June 2019 part-session of the Assembly.*”.

Adoption of this Report will allow Russian delegation to present its credentials before Tuesday morning and continue its work in the Assembly without implementing any demands provided for in the Assembly’s Resolutions.

The ratification of the Russian credentials would lead to the legitimization of the Russian MPs representing the illegally occupied Crimea and de facto will mean that Assembly recognizes its annexation. By this act, the Assembly will show other member states that they could break the rules without being punished.

Moreover, we could not allow the Assembly to deprive itself of the sanctions mechanism, as it is one of the most effective instruments.

In this regard, we would like to ask you to stand up together with us at 10 a.m. on Tuesday during the sitting and to support the challenge of the credentials of the Russian delegation on substantive and procedural grounds as well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volodymyr ARIEV', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Volodymyr ARIEV
Chairperson of the Delegation