



the frontline regions. Let me remind you that today the front line along which Russia is attacking Ukraine is more than 3,200 km long.

These demographic changes require a focus on strengthening demographic resilience. Protecting and investing in human capital is essential to foster development and recovery.

In order to overcome these challenges, Ukraine is already introducing new policies aimed at protecting persons who have suffered as a result of war - and these policies can become our contribution to the world experience and practices of working with the negative consequences of military aggression and military conflicts in the world.

First, responding to gender-based violence remains one of the highest priorities. In November 2022, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine ratified the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). In May 2022, the Government of Ukraine and the UN signed a Framework Program for Cooperation on Preventing and Combating Sexual Violence, the purpose of which is to create a comprehensive and victim-oriented approach to responding to cases of sexual violence at the state and local levels.

Secondly, we are developing a system of social services aimed at helping veterans of the current war and veterans' families in supporting the transition from military to civilian life. Including, we are developing a system of providing psychosocial support in centers of vitality. Already this year, we plan to launch more than 400 such centers, and in the coming years to ensure that such centers will function in every community.

Finally, in order to find systemic solutions and effective mechanisms for overcoming key demographic challenges, with the support of UNFPA, we developed a draft Demographic Development Strategy until 2040.

The goals of Ukraine's demographic policy, given the problems, are obvious:

- Creating conditions for increasing the birth rate, and for this - comprehensive, effective and timely support for the family

- Reduction of premature mortality

- Changing the migration trend and ensuring migration growth of the population

- Taking into account the significant waves of migration, the loss of part of the territories - the optimal resettlement of citizens on the territory of Ukraine

- Adapting to demographic aging and creating conditions for active longevity.

We understand: any policies aimed only at solving one issue will have a very limited effect if we do not provide basic sufficient conditions for a comfortable life in the country.

These are safety of life, individual housing, availability of work with decent pay, convenient and accessible infrastructure, social cohesion of society.

That is why an important focus of the strategy is the end-to-end coordination of sectoral policies in terms of their impact on demographic issues - so that together we build a country in which we want to live.

This is also extremely important in order to ensure the inflow of migrants from other countries to Ukraine in the future, which is an undeniable need against the background of the decline in the population of our country.

Despite the war, Ukraine remains committed to human rights priorities, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the preservation and development of human capital. We stand ready to work with all international partners and countries to find common solutions to global problems, and above all to achieve just and lasting peace in Ukraine. We firmly believe that the sooner peace is restored in Ukraine, the greater the stability in the world will be, enabling us to redirect resources towards achieving sustainable development and advancing the agenda outlined in the ICPD.