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Dear Ambassador,

The Council of Europe is pleased to invite your country to participate in the forthcoming International Conference on Training and Education on Human Rights of Members of the Armed Forces, which will take place on 28 October 2026 at the Council of Europe Office in Paris.

This conference, organised within the framework of the Council of Europe project “[Rights of veterans and personnel of armed forces in Ukraine](#),” aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices among Council of Europe member states on promoting the human rights of military personnel through education, training and awareness-raising.

The event will include representatives of defence institutions, military education establishments, human rights bodies, and independent oversight mechanisms from across Europe, with the objective of strengthening the protection and understanding of the rights and freedoms guaranteed under international and European human rights law.

The thematic sessions will cover:

- Human rights education and training for military personnel
- Strategies and best practices for raising awareness of the rights of members of the armed forces

Working languages will be English and Ukrainian, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

We kindly ask your Permanent Representation to delegate one participant from a relevant institution in your member state to attend the conference. Please register your delegate via the [registration link](#) no later than 21 September 2026.

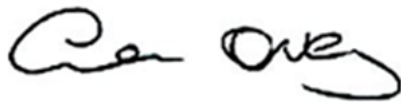
Please find enclosed, for your kind attention, the concept note of the event together with its provisional agenda.

We would like to inform you that participation in the conference will be at the expense of the delegating institution, including travel, accommodation, and related costs.

For any further information or questions, please contact the Human Rights and Justice Cooperation Department at the Council of Europe at Veteransrights-UA@coe.int.

We look forward to your valued participation in this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Ovey', with a stylized, cursive script.

Clare Ovey

Enclosed:

- Concept note
- Draft programme