



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

### Witness Biographies

### Ukraine: Abducted Children and Mechanisms for Accountability



**Katya Pavlevych** is an advisor on the issue of Ukrainian children abducted by Russia at Razom for Ukraine. She also serves as a policy advisor at the American Coalition for Ukraine. Katya partners with prominent activists from Ukrainian and American organizations to draw attention to the more than 20,000 children who have been taken. Katya is also a founder of Forget Us Not, an initiative to coordinate and empower civil society efforts on the return of abducted children. Katya has been advocating for Ukraine's stolen children since 2022.



**Dr. David M. Crane** is the founding chief prosecutor of the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone, the world's first hybrid international war crimes tribunal. Dr. Crane is currently assisting the international community in the creation of a Special Tribunal for Ukraine on the Crime of Aggression, for which President Vladimir Putin has placed sanctions on him and banned him from travel to the Russian Federation. Previously, he served thirty years in the U.S. federal government as a member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States and as the Director of the Office of Intelligence Review in the Department of Defense. As the founder of the Global Accountability Network, which houses the Yemeni Accountability Project, the Venezuelan Accountability Project, as well as the Uyghur, Ukrainian, and Syrian Accountability Projects, he has been a leading force in seeking justice for people victimized by conflict. Dr. Crane is a United States Army veteran and a distinguished scholar in residence at Syracuse University and an adjunct professor with the Washington College of Law of American University, where he teaches international criminal practice.



**Amb. David Scheffer** was the first U.S. Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues from 1997 to 2001, with experience in an international law firm, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has held visiting professorships at several law schools, including Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law where he serves as Director Emeritus of the Center for International Human Rights. From 2012 to 2018, he was the U.N. Secretary-General's Special Expert on U.N. Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials and served on the Deputies Committee of the National Security Council and as Senior Adviser and Counsel to Dr. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, from 1993-1996. Ambassador Scheffer is a recipient of many awards, such as the American Bar Association's 2024 Eleanor Roosevelt Prize for Global Human Rights Advancement, the Berlin Prize in 2013, the Champion of Justice Award of the Center for Justice and Accountability in 2018, and the ASU award of Outstanding MA Faculty for International Affairs & Leadership Masters program (2023-2024).



**Inna Liniova** is the Director of the Human Rights Institute of the Ukrainian Bar Association. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Ukrainian Bar Association and held senior management roles in international technical assistance projects funded by USAID, the Council of Europe, and the European Union, supporting justice sector reform in Ukraine. She is a Ukrainian lawyer with expertise in transitional justice, human rights, and the rule of law, and holds a specialized degree from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.