

Світова Федерація Українських Жіночих Організацій

October 12, 2023

Re: Recommendation for Ms. Kateryna Dashevska

Dear Gentlepersons:

For the past two years, since October 2021, Kateryna Dashevska has served as a representative of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations to the United Nations in Geneva. It has been my pleasure to advise and guide her in my capacity as the main representative to UN Economic and Social Council in New York, and my pleasure to make her acquaintance through this collaboration. Over this period, I have found Kateryna Dashevska to be an exceptionally talented individual, highly professional and deeply commitment to our work at the UN, which we perform on a volunteer basis.

In her role as an additional representative of our team in Geneva, Kateryna has demonstrated unwavering dedication and a strong work ethic. Noteworthy accomplishments include her proficient planning and execution of a Parallel Event during the NGO CSW Forum 67th Session, which highlighted her leadership skills and ability to build consensus among stakeholders from different organizations and earn their trust.

Kateryna has also effectively contributed to the administrative aspects of our work in Geneva. She has been instrumental in preparing and delivering statements regarding human rights and Ukraine during major event days, sessions, and interactive dialogues throughout the year. In particular, she has been involved with drafting official statements and delivering formal interventions on behalf of the WFUWO according to our priorities within the agenda of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Council.

Beyond her professional commitments, Kateryna has actively engaged with the Swiss nonprofit sector and dedicated her time and efforts to volunteering for human rights causes, which is evident in her interactions with various organizations, including UN Women Geneva, NGO CSW Geneva, International Alliance of Women (Geneva), Soroptimist International (Geneva), among others. She is also very committed to expanding support for our joint initiatives at the UN in Geneva, as well as enhancing our interaction with the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the UN in Geneva. Kateryna is also an important activist within the broader Ukrainian-Swiss community as a co-founder and VP of the Association of Ukrainian Women in Switzerland, a group which established the Ukrainian school in Geneva.

We look forward to Kateryna Dashevska's extended engagement as a representative of WFUWO to UNOG. Should you require any additional information or have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at XXXXXX or XXXXXXXX.

Sincerely,

Martha Richnowska Hebalo

Martha Kichorowska Kebalo, PhD Main Representative to UN/ECOSOC (New York) World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations