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"Ukrainian government no longer represents Ukrainians!" The EuroRevolution Civil Headquarters delivered leaflets to European embassies in support for the protests against violation of human rights in Ukraine. Only one embassy turned the petition down

On Dec. 6, 2013, activists of the EuroRevolution Civil Headquarters made the rounds of 15 embassies of EU member states and the office of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine to deliver a petition to representatives from European countries. The petition comprised a set of leaflets in English that explained demands of protesters on Ukrainian EuroMaydans and contained calls to protect the peaceful protests of Ukrainians against the government's violence, boycott the "bloody Ukrainian government" and support Ukraine's movement toward the EU. "Ukrainian government no longer represents Ukrainians!" one of the leaflets read.

The EuroMaydans' demands were summarized as three main objectives: (1) resignation of the current Ukrainian president and government, followed by elections closely monitored by international community; (2) cessation of the persecution of students who participated in peaceful protests, because the freedom of speech and assembly must be safeguarded; and (3) signing of the Association Agreement with the European Union.

In the Embassy of Sweden, Ambassador Andreas von Beckerath took the petition personally. In the Austrian, Dutch and UK embassies, the activists handed the leaflets to deputy ambassadors Johannes Eigner, Ellen Berends-Vergunst and Martin Day, respectively. And in the embassies of Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland and Slovenia the petitions were given to embassy officers who are expected to deliver the leaflets to the heads of their diplomatic missions.

Only one Slovakia embassy refused to take the petition.

Deputy Head of Mission of the British Embassy in Ukraine Martin Day said that the United Kingdom supports the right to peaceful protests in Ukraine, considers the brutal violation of this right impermissible, and works with the Ukrainian government on making further escalation of the violation impossible.

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The EuroRevolution Civil Headquarters is a coordinating body initiated by activists of the EuroMaydan. The main objective of the Headquarters is to provide assistance to participants in the protest actions as well as protect the right of citizens to peaceful protest, freedom of speech, fair trial, etc. An impetus to the creation of the Headquarters was the helplessness of the parliamentary opposition, who made people take to the streets having neither clear goals nor a realistic action plan, and being unprepared for ensuring efficient organization and logistics of mass protests.

So far, the Headquarters have initiated and successfully accomplished the following actions:

- Creation and coordination of activities of mobile medical teams on Dec. 1, 2013, which evolved into the Maydan.Medics movement;
- Free the Innocent action on Dec. 4, 2013, including the picketing of the Kyiv Police Department's detention ward;
- Picketing of the 20th OSCE Ministerial Council meeting on Dec. 5, 2013;
- Free the Innocent action on Dec. 5, 2013, including the picketing of the Kyiv Police Department headquarters and a march to the Ukrainian Ombudsman's office.

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