

# UnMode



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## → 01. Face-to-face meeting to develop a communication strategy for UnmMode, February 22-27, 2022

The year 2022 for the UnMode team began with a personal meeting from February 22 to 27 in Tbilisi, Georgia.



The development of the Organization's communication strategy and its preliminary monitoring of the implementation of the UnMode strategic plan were planned at the end of 2021.

On February 22, 2022, UnMode members from Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Belarus and Russia began arriving in Tbilisi.

On February 23, 2022, the UnMode team started working on the Organization's communication



strategy. Everyone was very excited and made ambitious plans for the upcoming working year.



## → 02. War



On February 24, 2022, Russia criminally attacked Ukraine, unleashing a vile and brutal war. The entire UnMode team spent this day together, supporting its members from Ukraine, and issued a statement categorically condemning the criminal actions of the Russian authorities.



*"... Rivers of blood and tears flow in Ukraine. This is not just a military operation, but a war that sows death, destruction and suffering. War is madness. Russia's real war against Ukraine is a crime!*

*UnMode is an international team of human rights defenders. Our life and our actions have always been aimed at ending injustice in any of its manifestations — in the smallest and in the largest.*

*We are categorically against the occupation actions of the Russian leadership! The war that Russia has unleashed in Ukraine must be stopped immediately!"*



## → 03. Rally in support of Ukraine and against Russian military aggression, Tbilisi, February 24, 2022

On February 24, 2022, a rally in support of Ukraine against Russian military aggression took place near the Georgian Parliament building in the center of Tbilisi. Politicians, civil activists, human rights activists, students and ordinary residents of the Georgian capital joined the anti-war rally. Among them were members of UnMode from Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus and Russia. The participants unfurled a large flag of Ukraine at the Parliament building on Rustaveli Avenue and marched to the government administration building.



## → 04. Ukraine returns home under bombs, March 2022

The Ukrainian members of UnMode continue to return home...

On February 23, a meeting on developing a communication strategy began in UnMode in Tbilisi, Georgia, attended by network members from five countries, including from Ukraine — Yulia Kogan from Odessa and Yanina Stemkovskaya from Poltava.

The next morning, the world and our lives changed forever. Simultaneously with the beginning of the war, the sky over Ukraine was closed, and our beloved Yulia and Yanina remained in Tbilisi. But Yulia and Yanina still had families in Ukraine, so it was impossible to keep them in safe Tbilisi for a long time — they preferred to return to Ukraine to their loved ones and relatives.

Aidana Fedosik, Executive director of UnMode:

*"I have a cognitive dissonance: I know how to organize the evacuation of people FROM a dangerous to a safe place. And for the first time in my life, I'm doing it the other way around. A storm is raging inside, I want to hug and "not let go", cry and persuade not to take risks and all sorts of mom's stuff. But at the same time, I have GREAT respect and pride from realizing how beautiful and strong in SPIRIT our Ukrainian part of UnMode is: Yanina Stemkovskaya, Yulia Kogan. Thank you, dear ones, for the high example of steadfastness and non-propaganda patriotism. Everything will be in Ukraine!"*





## → 05. Changes in the working plan, organization of shelter, evacuation of UnMode employees

At the beginning of March, by a unanimous decision of the General Meeting of UnMode, changes were made to the work plan for 2022.

In addition to the office, it was decided to organize a shelter for employees and members of the Organization who, due to the war in Ukraine and the escalation of pressure from human rights defenders in Russia, were forced to evacuate or temporarily relocate to a safe place.



At the end of March 2022, in Tbilisi, Georgia, the shelter became fully functional and received its first tenants.



Shelter is a large house in a quiet area of Tbilisi, with a beautiful garden. It includes a living

space of 7 isolated rooms, a large guest area for holding mass meetings and work events.



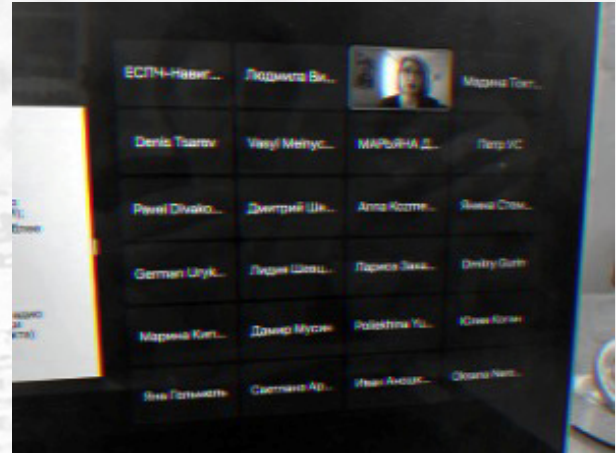
For the entire period of 2022, the UnMode shelter was able to provide temporary shelter to more than 30 people. 7 working personal meetings of the UnMode team and training events were held, in which about 50 people took part over the entire period.





## →06. UN School from "ECHR-navigator"

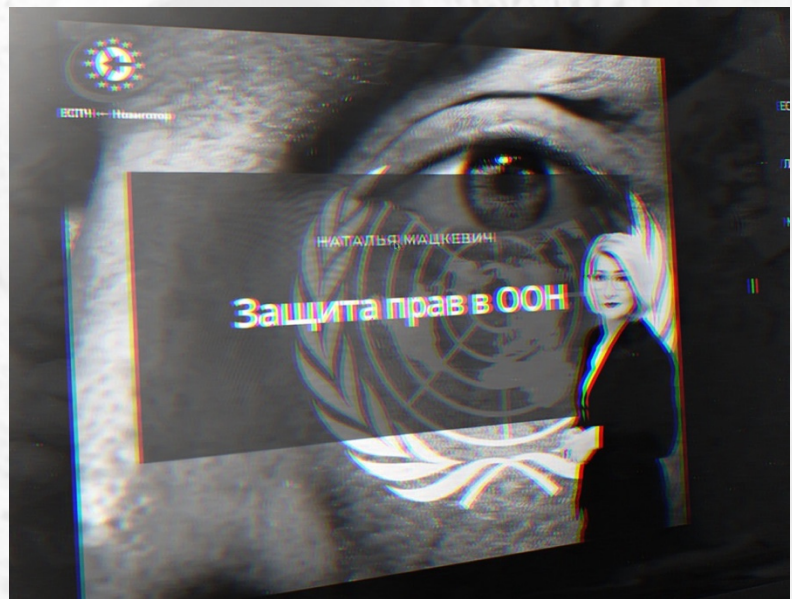
From April to June 2022, 13 members of UnMode from Georgia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Belarus took part in a training course on the protection of human rights in the UN treaty bodies. These are paralegals who work with people on a daily basis and document cases of human rights violations, protect people in courts, as well as those who are engaged in national and international advocacy. The course was developed by the Center for Strategic Judicial Issues "ECHR-Navigator" – its founder Anton Burkov and teacher Natalia Matskevich.



When carrying out human rights protection activities, UnMode uses completely different mechanisms and procedures, both at the national and international levels.

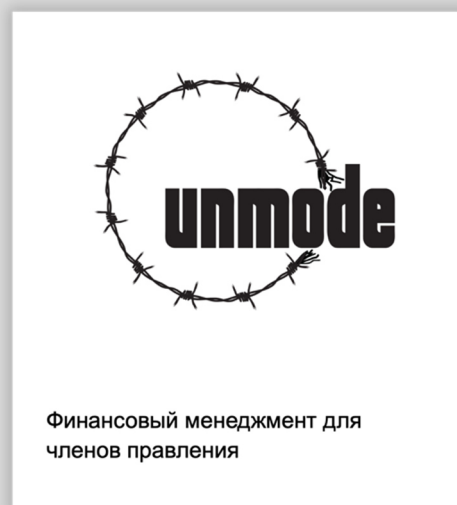
Non-governmental organizations, whose activities are aimed at achieving systemic changes in the country, actively use human rights protection mechanisms not only in the ECHR, but also in the United Nations system. For UnMode, the use of these mechanisms is one of the ways to influence the policy of States in the field of human rights and provides a unique opportunity to draw the attention of international legal bodies to the human rights situation in countries.

The training was conducted as part of the work of the Consortium for the Protection of Prisoners' Health and Rights (PHRC). At the end of the course, all graduates received diplomas of successful completion of their studies.



## → 07. Training: Financial literacy for members of the Board of UnMode

On June 19, 2022, a training seminar on financial management was held in Tbilisi, Georgia for members of the Management Board of UnMode. The speakers at the seminar were, among others, employees of the financial service EPLN (European Network of Judicial Proceedings in Prisons). We are very grateful to our colleagues for the fact that in matters of financial management, UnMode can always get the help of a mentor. The tool "Humentum - a high-level guide for Board members and senior managers" was used as an application tool.



The following topics were studied at the seminar:



*seven principles of financial management*



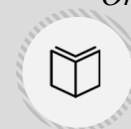
*structure and management in NGOs*



*rights and obligations of members of the Management Board in matters of financial management of the Organization*



*risk management*



*how to read financial statements*



The final topic was the discussion of the financial policy and financial procedures of UnMode, their relationship with the international principles of financial management, issues of their application in the program activities of the Organization, procedures and conditions for making changes.

All participants agreed that financial management is not an easy field to study. But without understanding the basics of financial management by the members of the NGO board, it is impossible to achieve sustainable development and achieve the goals of the Organization.



## → 08. Retreat for activists from Ukraine

In the summer of 2022, we were able to invite to participate in the training and organize a subsequent retreat on the Black Sea coast in Georgia for activists from Ukraine, participants of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with Drug Addiction (WAVE).

In the context of Russia's ongoing military aggression in Ukraine, our main task, as a regional public network organization, is to help Ukrainian activists not only preserve their physical health and lives, but also gain psychological stability to continue human rights work in war conditions. Activists from Ukraine are an example of true valor and heroism. No one left Ukraine, everyone stayed to help their beneficiaries. We are simply obliged to help those who help others, risking their lives.



To provide an opportunity for an emotional reboot, to get positive emotions, a sense of "shoulder" and unity, to express support for each other was the main task of our trip to the Black Sea coast of Georgia. After productive work, we managed to spend time together as one big friendly family, most of our activists work in high-risk conditions, participants from Ukraine work in conditions of war and incessant stress.

Many participants came with their children, families and even pets. It was the first time we held an event with such a big friendly team, it turned out to be very sincere and warm.





## **→ 09. General Meeting: Interim (semi-annual) Report of the Management Board and the Executive Director of UnMode**

On June 18, 2022, a working meeting of representatives of countries, employees and members of the Board of UnMode was held in Tbilisi, Georgia. During the meeting, the interim results of the organization's work for the period from June 17, 2021 to the present were summed up. A year ago, the first strategic plan of UnMode for 2021-2023 was adopted, the first Board of UnMode was selected and the Executive Director of the Organization was appointed.



At the end of the year, we can say that the strategic plan has been implemented in practice, a lot of time and resources of all members of the Organization are occupied with the institutional development of the network and building up the expertise of UnMode.



### The main "pain points" remain:

- ✓ ensuring the security of the activities of both the Organization as a whole and each individual member of the UnMode
- ✓ insufficient financing of the Organization's activities
- ✓ lack of alternative sources of financing  
(UnMode carries out grant activities only)



In this regard, decisions were made to update the anti-crisis protocols and introduce business approaches into the Organization's activities with the help of the experts involved.

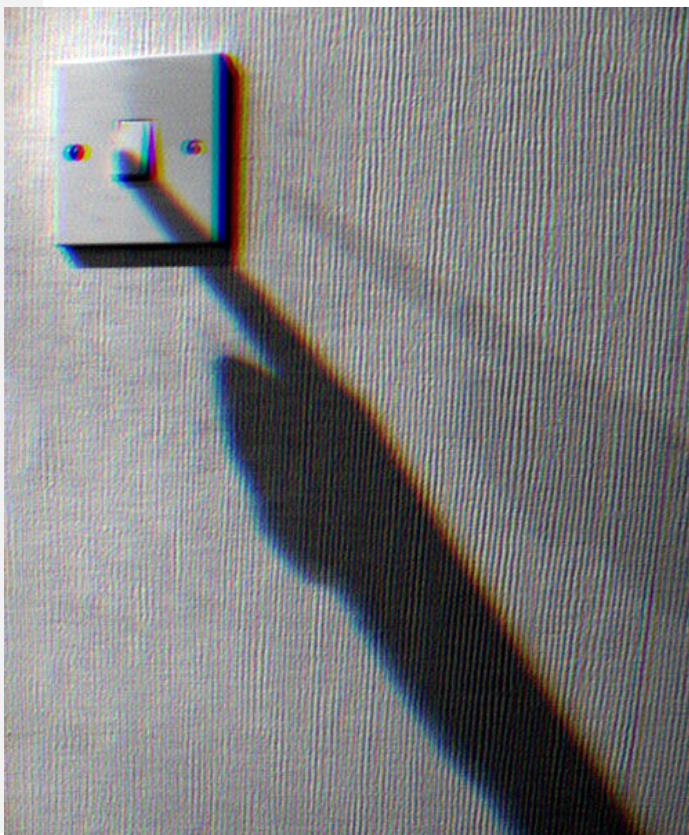
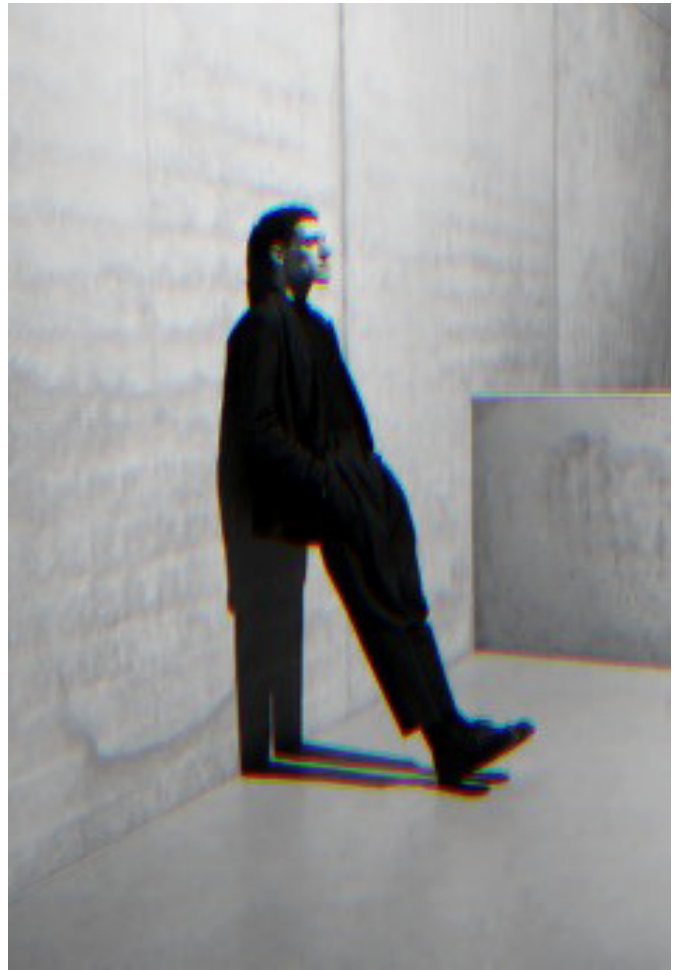


## → 10. Development of incomplete crisis protocols

Following the decision of the General Meeting of the Organization in July-August 2022, the team began work on updating security policies and protocols without changes. The Russian criminal aggression in Ukraine demonstrated not only the strengths of UnMode, but also revealed vulnerabilities and risks. The updated UnMode security policy is designed to minimize the consequences of these risks.

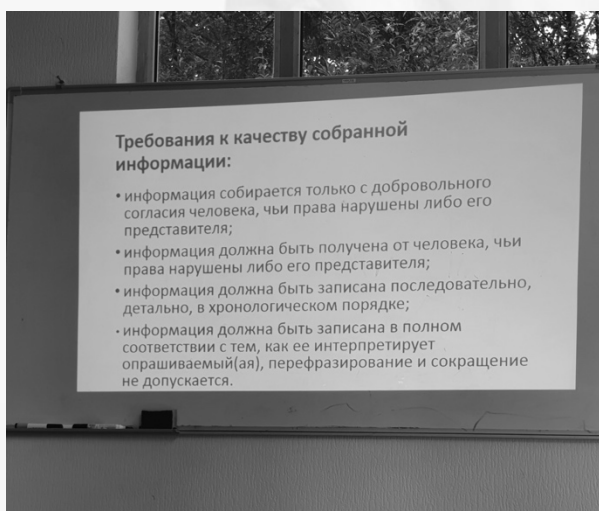
The work was conducted under the guidance of expert Natalia Semenova within the framework of the project "Integration of public support for human rights in Russia through community involvement and empowerment" with the support of the Center for Peace-building and Community Development (UK) and the European Union.

The result of the joint work was 8 security protocols, which, after discussion and detailing at the General Meeting, were approved by the Board of UnMode in October 2022.



## → 11. Documentation training for activists from Ukraine

On June 20 and 21, 2022, in Tbilisi, Georgia, the organization UnMode held a training on the basics of documenting human rights violations by the community. We regularly conduct such trainings, including online, mainly for our new members who have no experience of active human rights activities, but intend to protect human rights as effectively as possible. This year we were able to invite activists from Ukraine, participants of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with Drug Addiction (WAVE), to take part in the training.



In the context of Russia's ongoing military aggression in Ukraine, our main task, as a regional public network organization, is to help Ukrainian activists not only preserve their physical health and lives, but also gain psychological stability to continue human rights work in war conditions. In addition, we consider it very important to share our experience in documenting, video documenting and using national and international human rights protection tools so that activists from Ukraine can use this in their daily activities, including for recording war crimes. The training program was based on the long-term practice of UnMode employees and members in the field of human rights.



## → 12. Campaign "Support. Don't punish 2022"

On June 26, the annual campaign against repression against people who use drugs, against the cruel and senseless state policy against drug users — "Support don't punish!" - takes place around the world.

According to the already established tradition, UnMode annually supports the action.



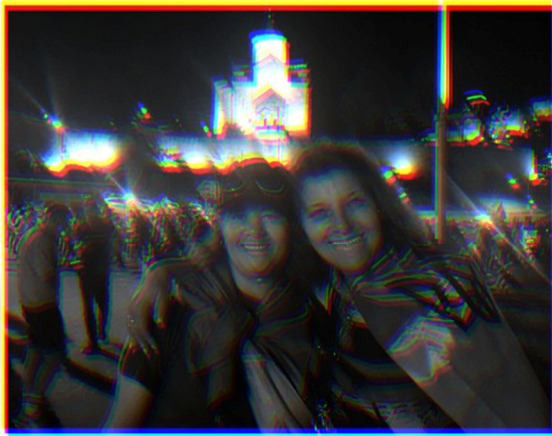
This year, the campaign "Support, don't punish" has acquired a deeper meaning for us — we stand in support of the entire Ukrainian people, who have been persecuted and destroyed by Putin's Russia for more than a hundred and twenty days!

**We — UnMode** — are convinced that the basis of drug policy should be health protection and respect for human dignity, not repression and cruel punishments.

**We — UnMode** — are convinced that the basis of any state policy should be the protection and enforcement of human rights and freedoms for its citizens.

**We — UnMode** — are convinced that States that allow themselves to violate the rights and restrict the freedoms of their citizens pose a threat to all democratic and free States of the world.

## → 13. Rally "Home to Europe" in Tbilisi, June 2022



In June 2022, a mass action "Home to Europe" was held in the center of Tbilisi, which was also attended by members of UnMode. More than 15,000 people marched from Parliament to Europe Square to demonstrate the European aspirations of the Georgian people.

More than 15 thousand protesters occupied the entire one and a half kilometer Rustaveli Avenue. The slogan "Home to Europe" was periodically heard from the podium — all the celebrities who joined the action ended their performances with it. In addition, MEPs from Lithuania, Poland and the Czech Republic addressed the gathered protesters in recordings on big screens. Already when it got dark and the column, almost entirely composed of students, moved to Europe Square, the "Shame" movement spread its manifesto through social networks. Youth leaders propose to create a National Council of the People's Movement, which will unite civil initiatives, NGOs, political parties, cultural and trade unions. The new movement will make demands on the government, and their failure to comply may lead to mass disobedience.

*"Unity and strength, wisdom and youth at the same time. Traditionally, I attend such events because it is the best way to express support and respect for the Georgian people in the manifestation of the people's will,"*

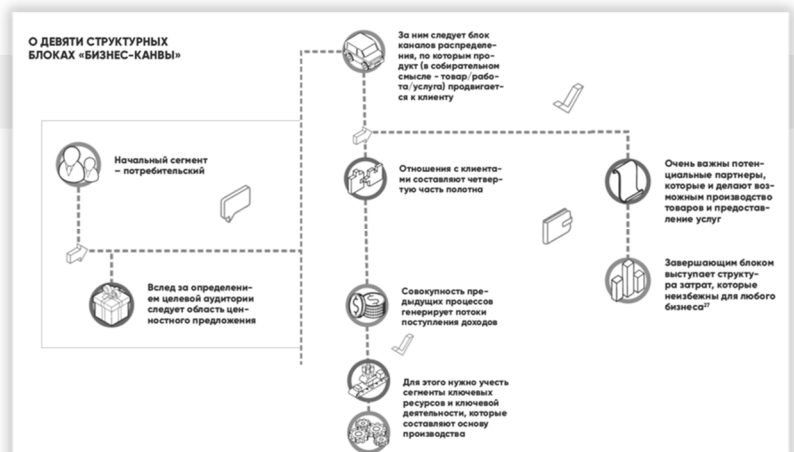
Aydana Fedosik, Executive Director of UnMode, shared her impressions.





## → 14. Education: social business, drawing up a business canvas

Presentation of Fatima Yapkulbaeva, Kyrgyzstan



## →15. Speech at the AIDS 2022 Conference

The voice of UnMode — sounds to the whole world! David Subeliani, an activist and human rights activist from Georgia, spoke online on behalf of UnMode at the 24th International AIDS Conference 2022, which was held this year in Montreal, Canada.

UnMode recommends paying key attention to supporting the activities of human rights defenders and protecting them from negative consequences; encouraging the training, development and initiatives of novice activists.



The entire UnMode team worked on the creation of the presentation "Legal self-defense and access to justice for people who use drugs".

In the presentation of her work, UnMode, represented by David, spoke about the problems of human rights communities identified by UnMode as a result of research and analytical work in Georgia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Estonia.

Human rights defenders from among people who use drugs have a special vulnerability not only to the repressive legislation of the country against human rights defenders, but also to a low level of understanding of security threats within the organization in which they work. The combination of these factors influences the decision to continue human rights activities.



## →16. Strategic fundraising session, face-to-face work with an expert

In the period from September 15 to 17 in Tbilisi, Georgia, the UnMode team held a strategic fundraising session under the guidance and mentoring participation of expert Victoria Ryzhkova ("Nochlezhka").

Now we know that:

- not only our organization has a lot of difficulties related to expenses: where to get the funds necessary for the campaign, how to attract sponsors, how to position its activities for proper work with investors;
- these problems can be solved if we understand what fundraising is and how it can be used to attract funding;
- fundraising is not just a social fundraising for charity, but a well-thought-out marketing strategy;
- the purpose of fundraising is to attract resources to implement the tasks of the organization;
- resources can be not only financial investments, but also technologies, tools, equipment, personnel.

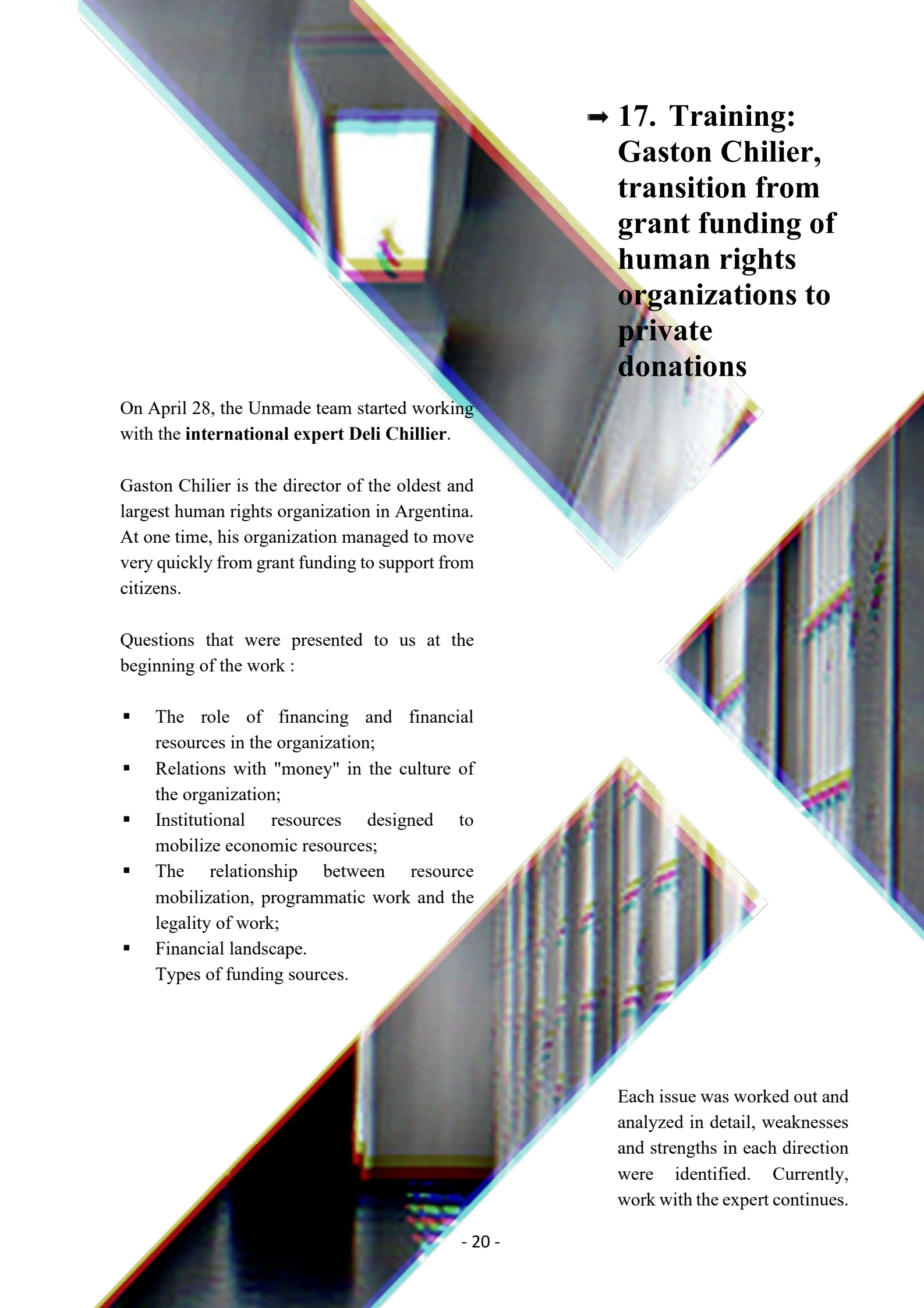


The main fundraising tasks are reduced to :

- finding investors willing to invest in the project;
- development of an organization's promotion strategy taking into account the specifics of its activities ;
- attracting new partners to cooperation;
- communication with existing investors to obtain resources;
- formation of a positive opinion in society about the company's work .

There is a difficult but inevitable work ahead to deepen the acquired knowledge and apply it in the practice of UnMode. Fundraising activities and the search for alternative sources of funding are the only way to achieve the independence and sustainability of the Organization.





→ **17. Training:  
Gaston Chilier,  
transition from  
grant funding of  
human rights  
organizations to  
private  
donations**

On April 28, the Unmade team started working with the **international expert Deli Chillier**.

Gaston Chilier is the director of the oldest and largest human rights organization in Argentina. At one time, his organization managed to move very quickly from grant funding to support from citizens.

Questions that were presented to us at the beginning of the work :

- The role of financing and financial resources in the organization;
- Relations with "money" in the culture of the organization;
- Institutional resources designed to mobilize economic resources;
- The relationship between resource mobilization, programmatic work and the legality of work;
- Financial landscape.  
Types of funding sources.

Each issue was worked out and analyzed in detail, weaknesses and strengths in each direction were identified. Currently, work with the expert continues.

## → 18. Training: Angelika Arutyunova, resource mobilization for the activities of human rights organizations. Feminist approaches to resources

In the period from August to October 2022, the Unmode team was trained and received technical support from expert Angelika Arutyunova, a feminist and international consultant on the mobilization of social resources.

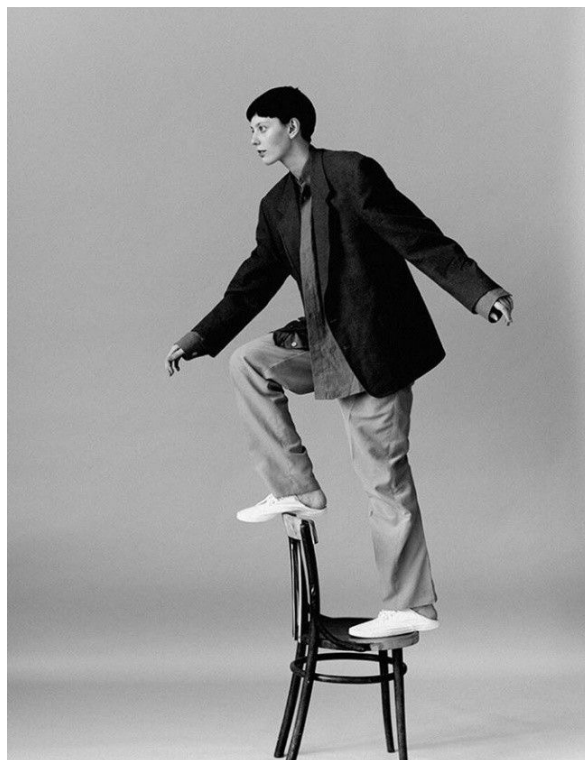
Angelika Arutyunova has worked with a number of international human rights organizations (the Global Women's Fund, the Association of Women in Development), helped develop strategies, conducted research, organized processes and achieved a significant increase in the availability of resources for NGOs.

**Questions that were asked to us at the beginning of the work :**

### 1. Adaptation of the communication strategy



As a result of a set of activities carried out by Angelika, UnMode specialists analyzed the team's resources, identified gaps in the implementation of the organization's strategic plan, developed the principles and values of UnMode, which were submitted for consideration by the General Meeting and unanimously adopted in October 2022.



### 2. Organization of diagnostics of the team's abilities and capabilities, preparation of a financial plan to fill expert gaps for more effective subsequent implementation of the resource mobilization strategy



## Мобилизация ресурсов углубленная сессия

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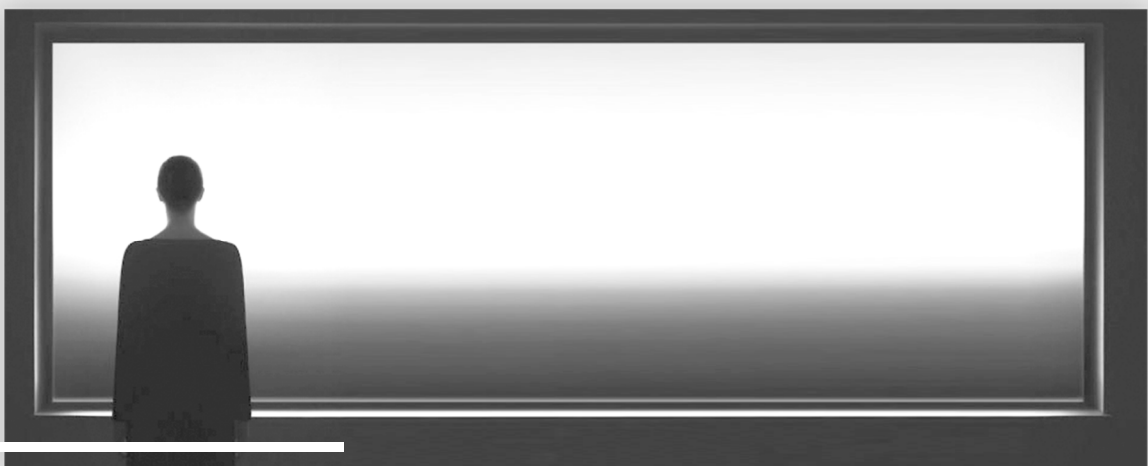
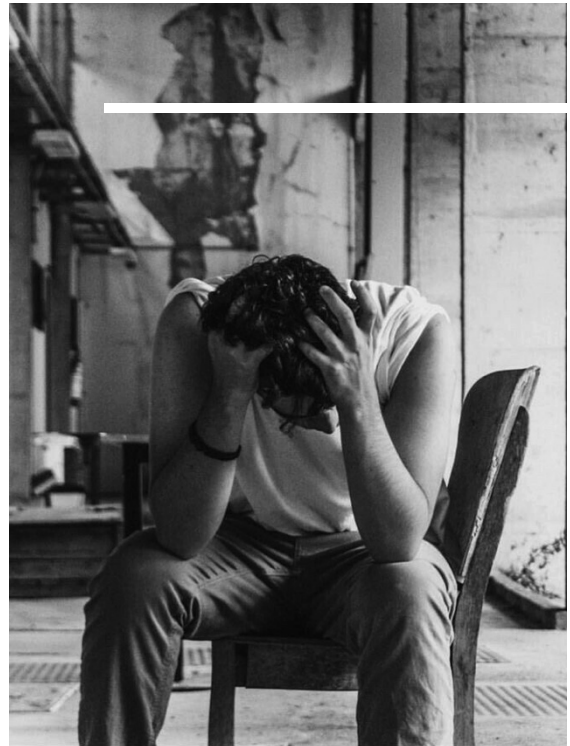
## → 19. Meetings with Andrea Casamento, member of the UN Committee against Torture

On September 23, 2022, Andrea Casamento, a member of the UN Committee against Torture and head of the Argentine NGO for the protection of prisoners' rights ACIFAD, conducted a training webinar for the UnMode team.

### Topics of the first webinar:

The emergence and development of the Civil Association of Relatives of Prisoners (ACIFAD).

- ✓ How ACIFAD originated and grew. The points of this growth. The magic and importance of "Tuesdays"
- ✓ What are the current risks/challenges of ACIFAD and how does the organization respond to them
- ✓ Resource mobilization. ACIFAD's funding history (from volunteering to paid work). The applied hybrid approach: activists become professionals or professionals engage in activism
- ✓ Relations with donors. Types of cooperation
- ✓ The process of institutionalization: Leadership is the importance of the people who make up ACIFAD. A combination of professionals and family members. Recruitment policy
- ✓ Friction on the way to institutionalization. How to maintain commitment to activism by developing more professional activities of the organization
- ✓ Experience in strategic planning. Management system



On November 25, the **second webinar** was held with the participation of Ms. Andrea Casamento, dedicated to the strategic use of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SCP).

The purpose of the second webinar is to inform participants about how to strategically use the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

- ✓ What is a subcommittee and what is its function in the structure of the UN human rights system
- ✓ How best to use the Subcommittee
- ✓ How to present information and advocate for specific issues
- ✓ How to use the Subcommittee as a tool for building coalitions against torture at the national and international levels

Acquaintance and training from Andrea Casamento were very relevant for UnMode and gave us confidence that the UN committees can and will be an effective tool for the protection of human rights in our activities. Meetings with Andrea Casamento, member of the UN Committee against Torture.

## → 20. Developing an UnMode identity

On September 15, a training was held in Tbilisi for UnMode employees on the effective implementation of the corporate identity of the organization and its role in the strategic development of NGOs.

Natalia Lobacheva, a professional graphic designer, spoke about the forms and methods of delivering the key messages of the organization, the role of identity in building a brand and what results can be achieved by successfully choosing the form of information submission.

"No matter what situation a person finds himself in, he retains his rights and has the opportunity to defend them, one strong-willed decision gives strength for further struggle. Human will plus awareness will always be equal to victory over human rights violations."

This is one of the many conclusions made by the team after training.

During the training “Identity as the visual language of the brand”, the team together with the coach searched for answers to questions: what is a brand? What role does identity play in brand creation? How does identity and its development options work in the context of brand values?

One of the key moments of the work was a brainstorming session, as a result of which the team found the “dna of the organization” — five key principles of its work:

1. Self-belief and self-strength
2. Uniting the community around an idea
3. Dignity, respect
4. Self-sufficiency, independence
5. Responsibility (personal and mutual)

Also during the training, the team determined the purpose of the identity for the organization, the target audience and the degree of its loyalty.





# UNMODE

## → 21. The general meeting of the UnMode, the approval of the security policy, principles, values, the report of the Board was adopted

An online general meeting of UnMode was held in October 2022.

The drafts of the fundamental documents of the Organization were submitted for consideration by the General Meeting:



the security policy developed by the UnMode secretariat after purposeful work with the technical support of international experts. The policy takes into account the political situation in the countries, the martial law in Ukraine, the situation of Russian human rights defenders, was developed and aimed at ensuring the safety of each member of the UnMode;



principles and values of UnMode. The new document fully reflects the current understanding of the Organization's members of the situation in the world and in the countries of the representation of UnMode.

The Management Board of the Organization also presented its annual report.

The voting was held remotely, according to its results, the following were approved by a majority of votes:

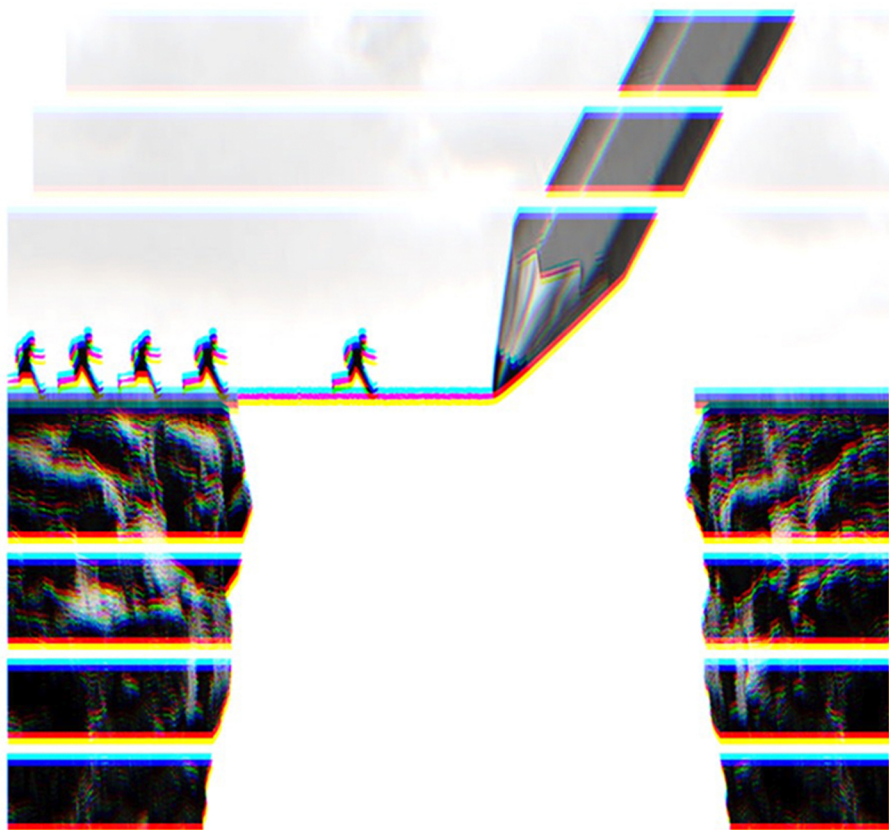
- 1) new security policy;
- 2) updated and updated document on the principles and values of the Organization.

## → 22. Board: the Director's report was adopted, the plan and staffing table for 2023 were approved

At the end of 2022, the annual report of the Board of UnMode was presented before the General Meeting of the Organization. The activities of the Management Board and the Executive Director of UnMode were found satisfactory by a majority vote of the full members of the Organization.

### The financial report on the activities was presented separately:

In 2022, UnMode received support from the Robert Carr Foundation, the Center for Peacebuilding and Community Development (UK), the SOVATEST network and the Madre Foundation. UnMode continues to work closely with EPLN (European Prison Litigation Network) within the framework of the Consortium for the Protection of Prisoners' Health and Rights (PHRC) project with the support of the Robert Carr Foundation (RCF).



The first year of the second phase of the Prisoners'/ex-Prisoners' Rights protection project has been completed, HRI (International Harm Reduction Organization) and HWB (Health Without Barriers) are also partners of UnMode in the implementation of the project.

The staffing table, financial and program plan for 2023, developed by the Executive Director, were approved by the Board of UnMode in December 2022.

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## → 23. Participation in the meeting in Spain

On November 15-16, Yanina Stemkovskaya, the representative of UnMode in Ukraine, took part in the COBATEST network meeting, which this year took place in Barcelona, Spain.

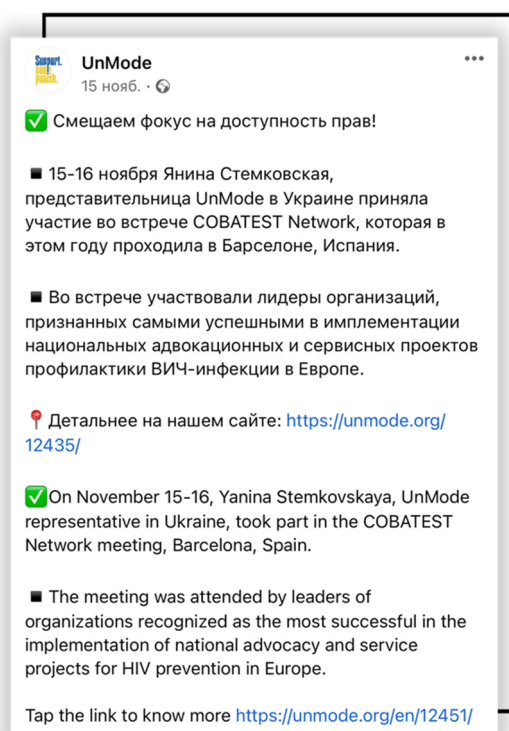
The meeting was attended by heads of organizations recognized as the most successful in implementing national HIV prevention advocacy and service projects in Europe.



During the meeting, the organizers presented an overview of the COBATEST network report for 2021 and shared the experience of external organizations and networks. This year, the participants paid special attention to discussing the issue of assessing legal barriers to the provision of voluntary testing and counseling services in community centers and the provision of HIV self-testing services. The participants also discussed how the influx of Ukrainian and other refugees will affect services at the community level.



Such a meeting is another reason to remind the leaders of Europe: it's time to look at the problem more globally. Successful prevention and treatment of HIV infection depends not only on the availability of medical services, but, above all, on the degree of respect for human rights in countries. To what extent the exercise of their own rights, including the ability to defend their rights in court, is available to people from communities. We are convinced that not only medical services, but also justice can and should be available to everyone, regardless of his/her gender, race, age, religion, presence of diseases, different life experiences, social status and financial situation.





## → 24. Speech at the Lisbon Conference

On November 22, Janina Stemkovskaya took part in the 3rd European Prison Conference “Health in Prisons: Government Responsibility” in Lisbon (Portugal).

“What is more terrible - an obvious ENEMY or a doubting FRIEND? What is more likely to kill you - the illusion of presence or 100% absence? Today I will speak for and on behalf of those who know the exact answer. On behalf of the still alive and on behalf of the already dead,” this is how the presentation of Yanina, the representative of UnMode in Ukraine, begins.

Since the beginning of March, Kherson and the Kherson region have been under the occupation of the terrorist Russian army. The prisons located on this territory were no exception, in one of them Yanina's trustee is serving a sentence, whose health rights she has been defending since mid-2021. This is a specialized prison where prisoners with tuberculosis are treated. After the Russian military entered the prison, the situation became critical, the prisoners were no longer treated and given food, moreover, they were severely beaten. The Ombudsman of Ukraine responded to the human rights activist complaints by an official statement informing that all prisoners from the territory of the Kherson region were evacuated, but the words of the debater were at odds with reality. We know that any administrative error, inaction or action by the authorities can have critical consequences for the health of prisoners. Thus, prisoners are a vulnerable group whose protected right to health should be subject to the core obligations of states. But it is not customary to speak openly about the responsibility of human rights defenders, including global institutions for the protection of human rights.

And it is to this responsibility that Yanina Stemkovskaya's speech calls.

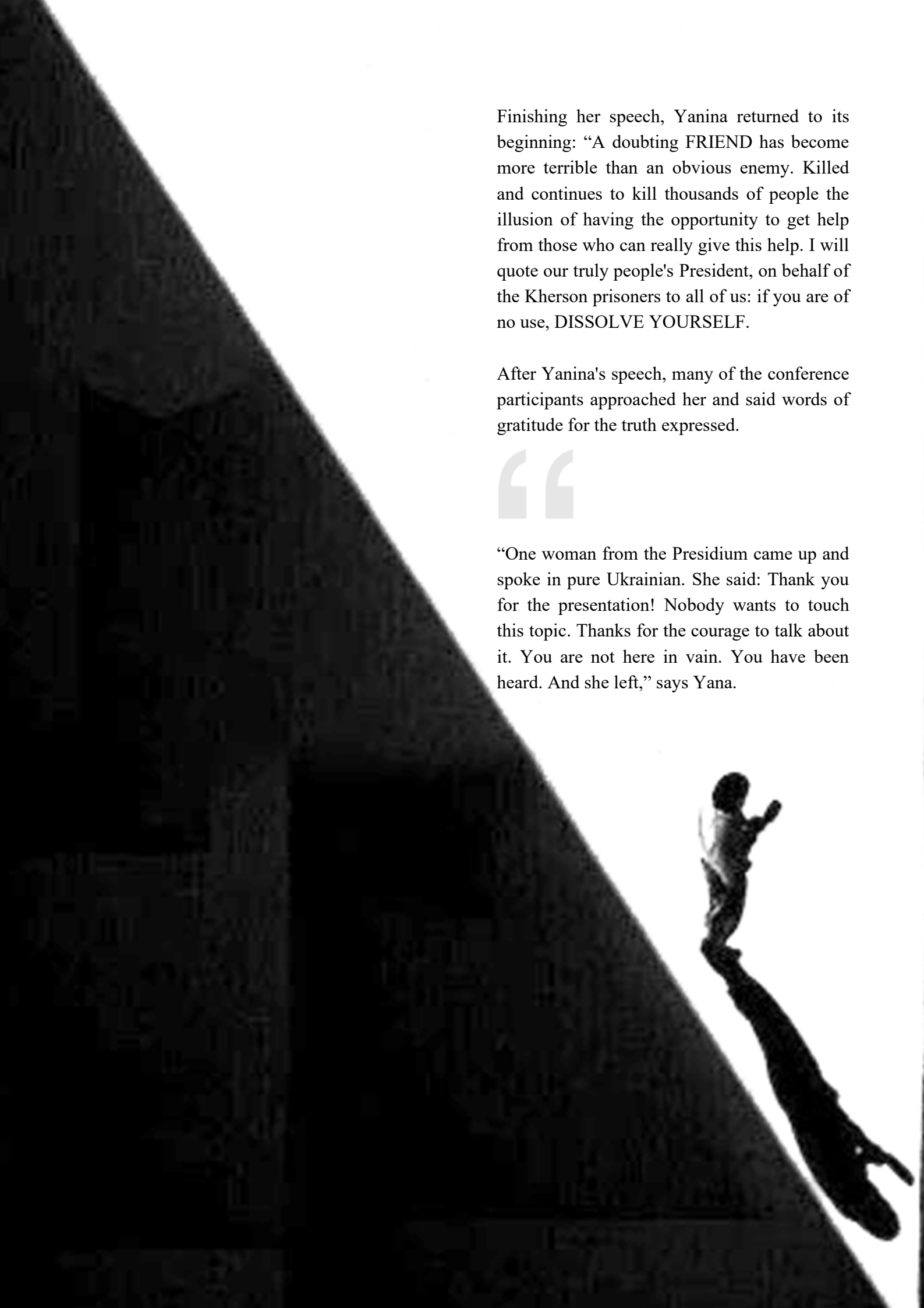


Yanina turned to many human rights organizations, but in response she received only that there is not enough data on the case of torture of prisoners in Kherson prisons.

“Now no one doubts and does not require additional confirmation: there were prisoners in the Kherson region, their rights were violated, they were tortured, they were deprived of treatment, they were not moved to the shelter during the moments of rocket bombardments. And instead of help, we doubted, clarified, collected “sufficient data,” Yana continues in her report.

At the end of October, all the convicts from the Kherson region, about 2,000 people, were brought to the Goloprstan colony-7. By the beginning of November 2022, almost all convicts were taken out through Crimea, to Krasnodar district, Russia.

Where are all these prisoners now? Are they alive? What is happening to them and with thousands of families that cannot find their loved ones.



Finishing her speech, Yanina returned to its beginning: “A doubting FRIEND has become more terrible than an obvious enemy. Killed and continues to kill thousands of people the illusion of having the opportunity to get help from those who can really give this help. I will quote our truly people's President, on behalf of the Kherson prisoners to all of us: if you are of no use, DISSOLVE YOURSELF.

After Yanina's speech, many of the conference participants approached her and said words of gratitude for the truth expressed.

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“One woman from the Presidium came up and spoke in pure Ukrainian. She said: Thank you for the presentation! Nobody wants to touch this topic. Thanks for the courage to talk about it. You are not here in vain. You have been heard. And she left,” says Yana.

## → 25. Annual Meeting of the PHRC Consortium 2022

The annual meeting of the members of the PHRC consortium was held from December 3-7, 2022.

The meeting was attended by representatives of all members of the Consortium: the European Network of Prison Trials, UnMode - the public movement for access to justice, the International Organization for Harm Reduction and the organization "Health without Barriers".

The purpose of this year's meeting was to:



to expand the knowledge and experience of CSOs activists and human rights defenders in accordance with UN documents;



exchange of experience in litigation and advocacy in relation to UN treaty bodies;



coordinate trials and actions to protect the interests of representatives of civil society on three topics of health protection in prisons, which the Consortium considers a priority for the protection of prisoners' health, namely:

- promote the independence of prison medicine and the integration of prison medicine into the general health system as a condition for equal access to medical care for people in prison;
- promote access to appropriate care and treatment for prisoners who use drugs;
- advocate for strengthening mechanisms for access to medical release of seriously ill prisoners;



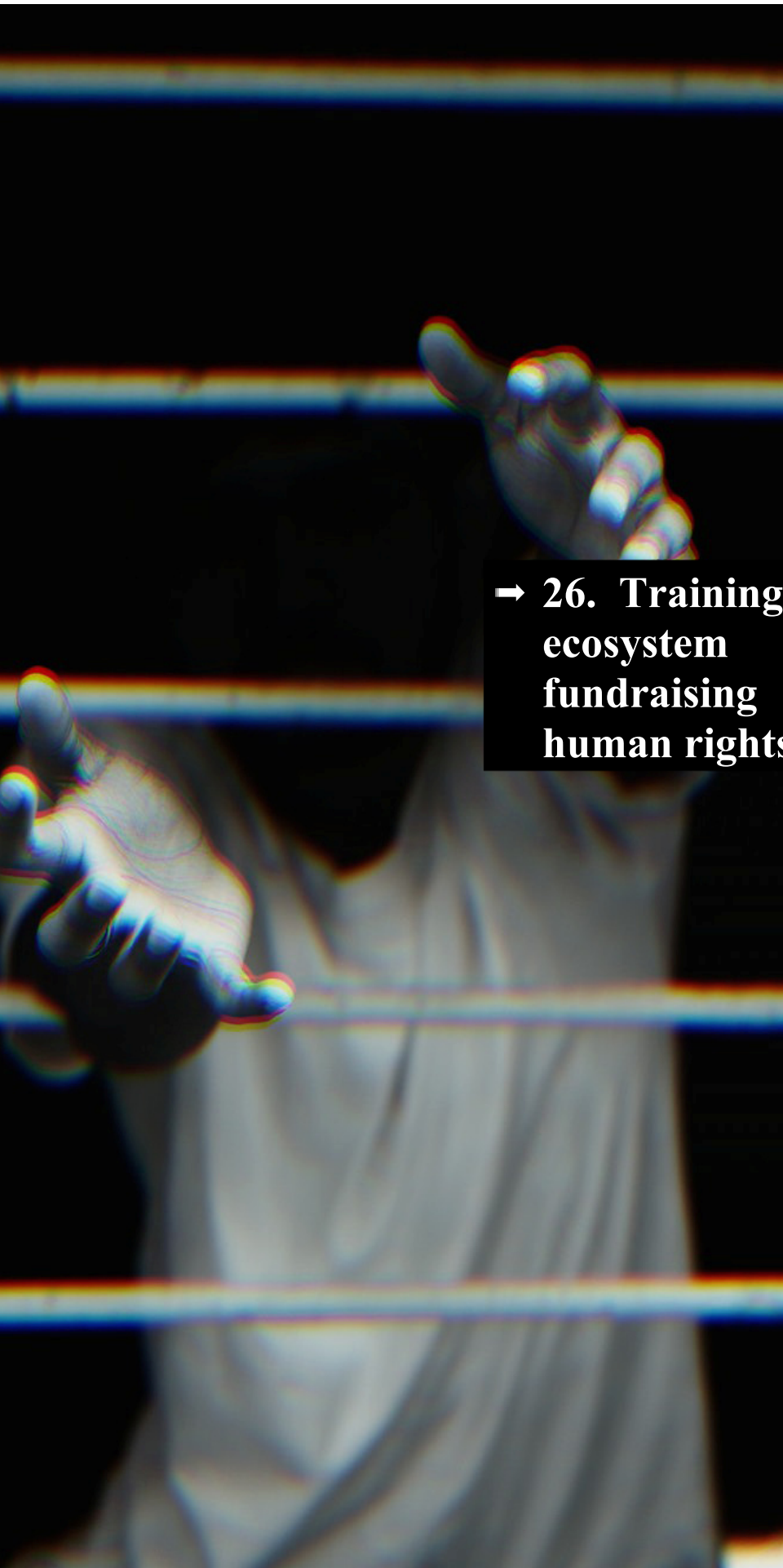
start a comparative study of the independence of prison medicine in 7 European countries.

During the meeting, a dialogue took place with representatives of UN bodies: the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on Health, the French independent expert of the Human Rights Committee and the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

The results of the activities of the PHRC Consortium for 2022 were also summed up and plans and tasks for propaganda for 2023 were outlined.







Since the beginning of October 2022, an individual coaching course from Edward Rekosh has been launched for the UnMode team.

Ed Rekosh, a lawyer and international expert, analyzes the possibilities of strengthening human rights through innovative efforts by civil society organizations to apply alternative income generation models and new organizational structures.

**→ 26. Training: Edward Rekosh, ecosystem of international fundraising for the activities of human rights NGOs**

"I know from personal experience how difficult and disorienting it is to create a completely new business model of civil society. I can help you find a foothold and feel confident when exploring this option.

Private donors can play a role in supporting civil society initiatives. I can offer basic recommendations on how to approach the development of a strategy based on donations from individuals in different ways.

Exploring alternative sources of income can be tedious for NGO leaders and organizations themselves. I can provide individual coaching to help solve common problems that arise in the organization." Ed says.



Violations of the rights of prisoners-citizens of Ukraine continue to be recorded on the territory of Russia. Temporary Detention Centers for Foreign Citizens (TSVSIK) keep citizens of Ukraine within their walls, referring to the imperfection of procedures and thus making it impossible to deport Ukrainian citizens from prisons.



Former prisoners - citizens of Ukraine, released from prisons in Russia cannot receive medical care, including for the treatment of HIV, TB, while being in the Center for Vital Health.

In fact, they are slowly dying within the walls of such institutions.

One of these cases was the case of Andrey Artemyev, who was diagnosed with a progressive severe stage of HIV.

For 7 months he was kept in the Temporary Detention Center for Foreign Citizens in Togliatti and did not receive any treatment. Thanks to the help of human rights activists, representatives of UnMode in Russia, Andrei was provided with medicines, he underwent a diagnostic examination and was recommended for inpatient treatment, but the Russian authorities did not respond to complaints and appeals. Then we turned to the UN Human Rights Committee, which on October 20 issued an order to Russia to take urgent measures.

On December 8, a court was held to extend the period of Andrei's detention in the Temporary Detention Center for Foreign Citizens. For this meeting we attached the decision of the UN Human Rights Committee and the conclusion of the infectious disease specialist on Andrei's health. And the very next day, at the next court session, the prosecutor supported Artemiev's position and asked to cancel the extension of the term of detention in the Temporary Detention Center for Foreign Citizens, says Ivan Anoshkin.

For the first time since the beginning of a full-scale war, Russia has fulfilled the recommendations of the UN Human Rights Committee and on December 16, the client of our Ivan Anoshkin, UnMode representative in Russia, will be released!

The end result of this case set a national precedent. We have done a lot of work and used all sorts of ways to achieve this solution and its implementation.

Violations of the rights of human rights defenders themselves in connection with Russia's aggression in Ukraine were recorded in Belarus as well. In June 2022, an UnMode activist was illegally detained and beaten by police officers for being openly anti-war and defending the rights of prisoners in Belarus.

During the war, human rights have a particular importance, they are designed, like armor, to protect prisoners from the arbitrariness that now embraces the countries of the region along with Russian aggression. UnMode states: the rights of prisoners should not depend on promises or guarantees, a person's right to life should not depend on another person's promise not to kill him. His right to life depends on only one thing: the immutable fact that he is human.



# UnMode FINANCING 2022 EUR

## INCOME

- Center of Peacebuilding (UK) – 60 000
- Robert Carr Foundation – 100 000
- Madre – 20 000

**Total: 180 000 euro**

## EXPENSES

- Human resources – 90 000
- Travel, meetings, conferences – 50 000
- Media, translations, design – 15 000
- Administrative expenses – 25 000