

IN THE
International Court of Justice

No. 166-2017

UKRAINE,

PETITIONER,

v.

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,

RESPONDENT.

**THE SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM AND THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

BACKGROUND GUIDE

THE MATERIAL FACTS

In the late afternoon of 16 January 2017, Ukraine instituted proceedings against the Russian Federation with regard to alleged violations of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism of 9 December 1999 and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of 21 December 1965. Both states are parties to these two instruments. In particular, Ukraine contends that, following the Orange Revolution of 2004, it has been subjected to increasing degrees of Russian pressure and intimidation.

According to Ukraine, since 2014 the Russian Federation has escalated its interference in Ukrainian affairs to dangerous new levels, “intervening militarily in Ukraine, financing acts of terrorism, and violating the human rights of millions of Ukraine’s citizens, including, for all too many, their right to life”. It states that in eastern Ukraine, the Russian Federation has instigated and sustained an armed insurrection against the authority of the Ukrainian State. Ukraine considers that, by its actions, the Russian Federation is in violation of fundamental principles of international law, including those enshrined in the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (“Terrorism Financing Convention”).

THE LEGAL FACTS

Ukraine respectfully requests the Court to adjudge and declare that the Russian Federation, through its State organs, State agents, and other persons and entities exercising governmental authority, and through other agents acting on its instructions or under its direction and control, has violated its obligations under the Terrorism Financing Convention

THE LEGAL ISSUES

What is Russia's view of this ICJ issue?

Is Ukraine justified in its legal demands?

What is the history between these two States?

VALUABLE RESEARCH AIDS

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UN Treaty Collection with an expansive database of treaties that includes all multinational treaties filed with the Secretary-General: <http://treaties.un.org/home.aspx>

The original docket of the International Court of Justice, including the case between Iran and the United States. Available at:

<https://www.icj-cij.org/en/case/166>

The United Nations Vienna Convention on Consular Relations is most helpful for finding the facts of the case. Also, it can be used to determine the validity of each country's position.

Available at: <http://legal.un.org/avl/ha/vccr/vccr.html>