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UKRAINE: TELEVISIONING DEMOCRACY

VIDEO

FIGHTER JET OVERHEAD

TANYA ON-CAMERA

HELICOPTER FLY BY

TANKS FIRING ROUNDS

IDPs LINING UP

AUDIO

TANYA: (In Russian) F

"In the morning we were awakened by the sound of a fighter jet, by the sound of shots"

"After that came an assault of a military unit, not far from our house." (16)

NARRATION

In 2014, Tanya fled her home in the city of Luhansk, in Eastern Ukraine, when a rapidly escalating conflict gripped the country. (9)

TANYA: (In Russian) F

"There were people in uniform in the yard. Of course, I started to panic, but I tried not to show it to my children.

We decided to evacuate our children to a safe place. We packed all the essential things, documents and left." (21)

NARRATION

UKRAINIAN FLAG WAVING ON BUILDING

She safely settled her family nearly 300km away in the city of Chuhiv, also in Eastern Ukraine. (7)

PEOPLE CROSSING STREET

Violence erupted shortly after a revolution in Ukraine ousted a President who was seen by many as a symbol of the longstanding corruption that had plagued the country's development. (10)

MEN BEATING OIL DRUMS

PROTESTORS THROWING OBJECTS AT RIOT POLICE

TANYA IN HER NEW HOMETOWN

Despite the difficult situation Tanya finds herself in, she still has hope for the future – she's received training modelled on a United Nations democracy project and has now found work with her new home's city council. (13)

TANYA WALKING INTO TOWN COUNCIL

Her town council, and others like it across Ukraine, has been supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund to help bring about reform in the country and give greater voice to its citizens. (11)

OKSANA ON-CAMERA

OKSANA FURMANETS: (In Ukrainian) F
"Until recently we didn't often have debates as a part of the decision-making process in local government. And, in fact, this project helped us see that this is a normal process that other local councils use to manage their own affairs."(21)

NARRATION

The democracy programme introduced councils to a new tool which would allow their constituents to watch over all political proceedings. The innovation is the online streaming of all council sessions, a standard practice in western

FOOTAGE FROM RECORDING OF COUNCIL SESSION	democracies, but absent in the local councils of Ukraine. (18)
SERHII ENTERS THE BUILDING	Serhii Delidon, a young activist from the nearby village of Zorya, was so inspired by the UN democracy project, that he began taping his village council sessions himself. (10)
VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGN	...the videos he posts to YouTube have a large and appreciative audience. (5)
SERHII AT HIS HOME COMPUTER	<p data-bbox="716 688 1224 720"><u>SERHII DELIDON:</u> (In Ukrainian) M</p> <p data-bbox="716 741 1419 1220"><i>“The first sessions, for example, on 12 December, have a lot of views. That is, during the day this video was watched up to 2 thousand people. For our village with a population of 11,000 – that makes 20-25% who watched. That is the peaks are about 1500 - 1800 views per day. So, these are serious numbers. And most importantly, it is not only local viewers. It is viewed in the region and even other countries. (30)</i></p>
SERHII ON-CAMERA	
VIDEO OF ARREST	<p data-bbox="716 1297 899 1329"><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p data-bbox="716 1350 1406 1497">Directly because of Serhii’s efforts to bring about greater transparency, the head of Zorya council was arrested on major bribery charges. (10)</p>
TANYA WALKING	As activists like Serhii try to build a new political system, for Tanya, the focus has been on building a new life. (8)
TANYA ON-CAMERA	<p data-bbox="716 1801 1045 1833"><u>TANYA:</u> (In Russian) F</p> <p data-bbox="716 1854 1406 1938"><i>“My colleagues supported me in every possible way. It’s communication that helps when you get</i></p>

into a different environment.” (10)

NARRATION

As she settles into her new work, Tanya hopes these new insights will help her contribute to a more peaceful and more openly democratic Ukraine. (9)

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