

UKRAINE: UK to contribute 100,000 pounds to establishment of criminal court in Hague to deal with MH17 case

The United Kingdom continues to support Australia and the Netherlands in their call on Russia to accept responsibility for the downing of flight MH17.

UNIAN (17.07.2019) – <https://bit.ly/2M02qy8> – Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom Jeremy Hunt says that his country will contribute 100,000 pounds to the establishment of a criminal court in The Hague to deal with the downing of flight MH17 over Donbas in July 2014.

“I support the efforts of the Joint Investigation Team and the Dutch authorities to deliver justice for those who died. This is why we are making a financial contribution of £100,000 to the establishment of the specialist criminal court in The Hague to help ensure that the families and friends of the victims receive answers, and that those responsible are held to account for this appalling crime,” he said in a statement on the fifth anniversary of the tragedy.

“A terrible tragedy took place five years ago today when flight MH17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine. 298 innocent people, including 10 British people, lost their lives. I offer

my deepest condolences to the families and friends of all those who died," he said.

Hunt also says that his country continues to support Australia and the Netherlands in their call on the Russian government to accept state responsibility for the downing of flight MH17. "It is high time Russia cooperated fully with the prosecution and, in accordance with UN Security Council resolution 2166, provided any assistance requested," he said.

Note: HRWF hails this move of the UK and wonders if the EU will contribute to the establishment of this special international court.