



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner on the findings of OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in Ukraine

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President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union.

Ireland reiterates its condemnation of Russia's illegal and unjustified full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

We remain concerned by the impact that Russia's war of choice continues to have on civilians, causing over 22,000 civilian casualties, and mass displacement both internally and across Europe.

We are gravely concerned by the forcible transfer and deportation of children from Ukraine, as well as illegal adoption of Ukrainian children. We note of the decision of the ICC to issue arrest warrants against the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, and the Commissioner for Children's Rights in the Office of the President Maria Lvova-Belova in connection with these alleged crimes. This decision is an important step towards ensuring accountability for all perpetrators for serious violations of international law, including for crimes and atrocities that have been committed in Ukraine.

Ireland once again calls on Russia to end this war, and to withdraw its forces from within the internationally recognised borders of Ukraine, and will continue to make this call across multilateral fora.

High commissioner, how can the international community support persons with disabilities and older persons, given they are particularly vulnerable in situations of armed conflict and displacement?