



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's oral presentation on Ukraine and the interim report of the Secretary General on human rights in Crimea

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Ireland aligns with the EU statement and thanks the High Commissioner for her update.

Ireland reiterates our condemnation of Russia's illegal and unjustifiable military aggression against Ukraine that has resulted in extensive human rights violations including of the rights to life, liberty and security of persons.

Ireland condemns allegations of unlawful killings, including summary executions of civilians in more than 30 settlements including in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Sumy regions, committed while these territories were under the control of Russian armed forces in late February and March, the scale of which is yet to be fully assessed.

We echo OHCHR's calls for international human rights and humanitarian institutions to be granted unhindered, timely, immediate, unrestricted and safe access to persons who have been transferred.

We are concerned about the arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance of representatives of local authorities, journalists, civil society activists and other civilians by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups.

The human rights situation in illegally-occupied Crimea continues to be of grave concern, and appears to be deteriorating further since Russia's large-scale further invasion of February 2022. We condemn the continued use of arbitrary arrest and detention by the occupying forces and the dramatic increase of such instances, particularly against persons involved in public assemblies.

Madame High Commissioner, how can the international community best support human rights defenders working to promote human rights in Crimea and elsewhere across the rest of Ukraine?