



## **Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine*

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Commission for their update.

Ireland condemns, and will continue to condemn, violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law

Ireland deplores the actions of the Russian Federation, particularly the deliberate shelling of civilian areas and infrastructure. Parties to conflict must comply with international humanitarian law, including the obligation to distinguish between civilians and combatants.

We are deeply troubled by the fate of persons forcibly transferred to Russian-controlled territories. We are particularly concerned by the treatment of children who have been forcibly transferred, including of granting of Russian citizenship to these children, which may violate Article 50 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Ireland condemns the arbitrary detention, torture, ill-treatment and enforced disappearances of persons transferred and perceived as pro-Ukrainian or anti-Russian committed by the Russian authorities.

It is vital that allegations of violations and abuses committed in this unconscionable war are investigated, and those responsible are held to account. We must not accept impunity for those inflicting such horrors anywhere in the world. Ireland recognises the important contribution already made by the Commission in this regard and looks forward to the Commission's written report at the next Council session.

*Commissioner, could you provide an update on how the Commission's cooperation with judicial and other investigative mechanisms is progressing and whether the Commission has started to consider its recommendations regarding accountability measures?*