



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Russia

**13 November 2023**

Mr. President,

Ireland thanks the delegation for its presentation today and notes Russia's limited progress to advance human rights domestically since the last UPR cycle.

Ireland regrets that the domestic human rights situation has been severely undermined by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It is clear that external aggression and internal repression go hand in hand, as restrictions on the rights to freedoms of opinion, expression and peaceful assembly have resulted in systematic crackdowns on civil society and human rights defenders, including anti-war protesters.

Ireland recommends that Russia:

1. Immediately end acts of intimidation, prosecution and violence against human rights defenders, civil society and journalists.
2. Investigate, prosecute and adequately punish all acts of violence and hate crimes against LGBTQI+ persons, particularly in the North Caucasus, including the Chechen Republic.

Thank you.