**UPR 44**

**RUSSIA**

*13th**November 2023*

**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. Chair,

Remaining deeply concerned by the unjustified attack on Ukraine, we call on Russia to stop this war of aggression immediately.

[We note that Czech recommendations from previous UPR cycle are yet to be implemented.]

We wish to recommend that Russia:

1. Stop any policy of systematic human rights and humanitarian law violations in relation to civilians in the territories of Ukraine, in particular the practice of torture and enforced disappearances.
2. Regarding illegally annexed Crimea, remove the Mejlis from the list of „extremist organizations“, lift all restrictions imposed on its activities and end the practice of sending Crimean prisoners to serve their sentences in the Russian Federation.
3. Ensure the unrestricted work of civil society, repeal the "foreign agents" law and the law on "undesirable organizations".
4. Release immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners.

[We wish Russia a successful UPR implementation process.]

I thank you!