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**44 Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to Russian Federation**

**13 November 2023**

Mr. President,

Finland is deeply concerned about the developments in Russia since the last UPR cycle. However, we note that the UPR is an important opportunity to address human rights.

Finland recommends that Russia immediately

1. First, ends repressive actions on civil society including by repealing laws on so called foreign agents and undesirable organizations, as well as legal notions such as “individuals under foreign influence”,

1. Second, releases all political prisoners and allows them immediate and unconditional access to lawyers and health care,
2. Third, returns forcibly transferred or deported Ukrainian children to their families.

We urge Russia to end its illegal, unprovoked and brutal war of aggression on Ukraine.

Thank you.