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**Review of the Russian Federation**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr. President,

We are worried that Russia’s unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine has amplified internal repression in Russia, drastically limiting a plethora of human rights.

Greece recommends that Russian Federation:

1. Refrain from any form of harassment, and review the detention of all journalists, media workers, human rights defenders, lawyers and political opposition representatives with regard to the compatibility of their detention with international human rights law;
2. Establish full and non-selective engagement with all United Nations human rights mechanisms **;**
3. Put in place a comprehensive legal aid scheme for women, as well as measures to end the stigmatization of women and girls who lodge complaints about violations of their rights.

Thank you.