**Statement by the Republic of Lithuania**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We deplore the ongoing Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on human rights. Recent legislation in Russia further severely restricted human rights and eradicated civic space; therefore, Lithuania recommends Russia to:

1. Immediately cease its war of aggression and withdraw its armed forces from internationally recognized Ukrainian territory;
2. End unlawful deportations, transfers and adoptions of Ukrainian children and ensure their safe return;
3. Restore the enjoyment of all human rights and freedoms, including freedom of opinion and expression, and right to peaceful assembly;
4. Immediately and unconditionally release and rehabilitate all political prisoners;
5. Ensure access to diverse information and stop disinformation;
6. Cease military conscription of Crimean residents and Russia’s Indigenous Peoples, including in the North Caucasus region;
7. Take measures to execute international courts‘ judgements regarding Russia.

I thank you.