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**Statement by Slovakia**

13 November 2023

Mr. President,

Slovakia thanks the Russian delegation for the presentation of its national report.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to the Russian Federation:

1. To **ratify** international instruments to which Russia is not yet party and which will **strengthen the protection of civilians in armed conflict** including the Rome Statute of ICC.
2. To **abide by the judgments** adopted by the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Russia.
3. To **release all Ukrainian civilians** deported and detained in Russia, including all children forcibly deported from Ukraine to Russia.
4. To **change new restrictive legislation** breaching constitutionally guaranteed human rights and civic freedoms.
5. To **release** all those **arbitrarily detained or imprisoned** on politically motivated charges, including politically motivated charges under pretext of “extremism”, “terrorism” or “discreditation”.
6. To fulfil Russia´s international obligations concerning **freedom of opinion and expression** and ensure the **safety of journalists**.

Thank you.