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Review of the Russian Federation

Recommendations by Sweden

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We are deeply concerned by increasing repression in Russia, which has accelerated since its full-scale invasion of Ukraine . With dramatic expansion of restrictive legislation and systematic repression of civil society and human rights defenders, harshened anti-LGBTIQ legislation, and severe limitations on freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of assembly and association, and media freedom, including the introduction of war censorship. We recommend:

1. Repeal the legislation on “undesirable organizations” and “foreign agents”, as recommended by Sweden in 2018.
2. Guarantee the full enjoyment of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association by repealing articles 207.3, 280.3 and 284.2 of the Criminal Code and immediately and unconditionally release those detained under these provisions.
3. Establish full and non-selective engagement with all UN human rights mechanisms, including constructive communication with the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Russia.