**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**

**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr President

Where does one start? Since the last UPR, Russia's repression at home has intensified, enabling its oppression overseas, not least the continuing atrocities in Ukraine, many of which the COI/OHCHR? consider amount to war crimes.

The UK recommends that Russia:

1. Cease the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia and within the temporarily Russian-controlled territories of Ukraine; and immediately returns all affected Ukrainian children.
2. Release all those detained on political grounds, such as Alexei Navalny, or for opposing the war, including Vladimir Kara-Murza.
3. Repeal legislation that enables its crackdown on anti-war protest, independent media and civil society.