**Statement by the Republic of Lithuania**

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Mr. President,

Regretting the failure of Russia to implement some of previously accepted recommendations Lithuania recommends the following:

1. End legal and political restrictions on freedom of expression, association and assembly against all persons, including Crimean Tatars in the illegally annexed Crimea and in Ukrainian territories under control of Russia-backed armed groups;
2. Provide free and unimpeded access for international human rights mechanisms to Ukraine’s Crimea and Donbas as well as to Georgia’s regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali;
3. Repeal the laws on “Foreign agents” and “undesirables”;
4. Investigate attacks on members of civil society, including LGBTI persons in Chechnya, and bring perpetrators to justice while providing legal redress for victims;
5. Repeal laws that allow to disregard the decisions by international human rights bodies, notably the ECtHR.

I thank you, Mr. President.