



## Statement of Ireland

### 49th session of the Human Rights Council

#### *Item 4 Statement*

Ireland aligns with the EU statement.

We again strongly condemn the further invasion of Ukraine by the **Russian Federation** abetted by **Belarus**. We are gravely concerned by the worsening human rights situation in **Ukraine**.

We are also deeply concerned by increasing violations of human rights in **Russia**, in particular the restrictions on freedom of assembly, which have led to the arbitrary arrest of thousands of peaceful protestors, as well as increasing restrictions on media freedom.

Conflicts always exact the heaviest toll on civilians. In **Ethiopia**, we continue to be horrified by reports of gross human rights violations and abuses, including systematic sexual and gender based violence. We are concerned by the very high number of civilian casualties in the conflict in **Yemen** **and** reiterate the need for accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in Yemen. .

We condemn the systematic erosion of the rights of women, girls, and minorities, and the situation of human rights defenders and shrinking civil society space in **Afghanistan**.

We reiterate our deep concern at the intensification of settler-related violence in the **occupied Palestinian Territory**. The continued pressure on Israeli and Palestinian civil society is disturbing.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by evidence-based reports of human rights violations and abuses in in **Xinjiang**. We call on **China** to comply with its obligations under international law to respect and protect human rights.

Thank you.