



Statement of Ireland

51st session of the Human Rights Council

General Debate Item 4
Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Monday 26 September 2022

Mr. President,

Ireland aligns with the EU statement.

We continue to condemn the Russian Federation's invasion of **Ukraine** and are appalled by evidence of serious human rights violations being perpetrated, including arbitrary detentions, abductions, torture, ill-treatment and summary executions.

We are also deeply concerned by the human rights situation in **Russia**, in particular, violations of the freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, which have led to the arbitrary arrest of thousands of peaceful protestors

Ireland read with great concern the recent OHCHR assessment of human rights concerns in **Xinjiang**, whose findings indicated serious human rights violations, some of which may amount to crimes against humanity. We urge **China** to engage with the OHCHR in implementing the recommendations of this assessment.

We condemn the erosion of the rights of women, girls, LGBTI+ persons and religious and ethnic minorities, including Hazara-Shia, and the dire situation of human rights defenders and shrinking civic space in **Afghanistan**.

In **Ethiopia**, we continue to be horrified by reports of gross human rights violations and abuses, including systematic sexual and gender based violence.

We once again emphasise the need for accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in **Yemen**.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by the high level of civilian casualties in Israel and the **occupied Palestinian territory**. The recent deaths of Palestinian children and young people are particularly disturbing.

Thank you.