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**Statement delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi,  
Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva**

*Mr. President*

Italy aligns itself with the joint statement delivered by Poland and thanks the High Commissioner for his oral update and the latest report of the Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

Italy reaffirms its continued and unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We are appalled by the documented grave violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law committed by Russian authorities. We are also alarmed by the evidence of the devastating impact of Russia's attacks on the civilian population and infrastructure.

We express our deep concern about the fate of the large number of detained Ukrainian civilians and the forced transfer or unlawful deportation of children. In this context, we welcome the recent detainee exchange and support any further steps towards the release of civilians and the return of all Ukrainian children, as well as other civilians unlawfully deported.

Italy remains firmly committed to safeguarding human rights and ensuring full accountability for all international crimes and human rights violations and abuses stemming from the Russian war of aggression.

Italy stands committed and ready to contribute to a just, lasting and comprehensive peace for Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law. We welcome all efforts towards achieving such a peace, including the proposals for a ceasefire, humanitarian initiatives and other confidence building measures.

*Thank you.*