

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UPR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

01 REPRESSION OF ANTI-WAR SENTIMENT

Targeting of anti-war dissent

- Immediately release all persons detained in relation to participating in peaceful assemblies, including in anti-war protests, whose detention is incompatible with international human rights law;
- Refrain from any form of harassment or threats against protesters, including through the practice of preventative arrests, as well as the adoption of any further restriction and ensure the safe and full exercise of their right to freedom of expression;
- Repeal all legislation unduly restricting freedom of expression, including articles 207.3, 275.1, 280.3 and 284.2 of the Criminal Code, and refrain from adopting any further restrictions incompatible with international human rights law, including requirements that amount to de facto authorisation of an assembly;
- Effectively guarantee and protect the right to peaceful assembly including for anti-war protests, and take measures to prevent, investigate and eliminate all forms of excessive use of force by security forces in the context of public protests.

Intersectional dimensions of repression

- Immediately cease any form of harassment and repression of media workers, human rights defenders, and anti-war activists, including LGBTIQ+, Indigenous, ethnic minority, and feminist activists, and ensure the safe and full exercise of their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly;
- Repeal any laws discriminating against LGBTIQ+ persons, including the 2022 law on “non- traditional sexual relations.”

New technologies and repression

- Cease the use of facial recognition software and of any other technologies to identify people who hold anti-war views, including their use in the context of peaceful protests, and ensure that all use of new technologies, including facial recognition by the government, is strictly regulated by law in accordance with international human rights standards.

02 FORCED RECRUITMENT

Forced recruitment and the targeting of ethnic minorities and Indigenous Peoples

- Immediately cease forced conscription of Crimean residents and forced conscription of ethnic minorities and Indigenous peoples, including in the North Caucasus region;
- Ensure that the right to freedom of association is respected including by repealing any legislation that restricts NGOs activities such as, the ‘Foreign Agents’ law (Federal Law No. 255-FZ of July 14, 2022) and the law on “undesirable organisations” (Federal Law No. 129 of 25 May 2015).

Right to conscientious objection to military service

- Fully respect, protect and fulfill the right to conscientious objection to military service by ensuring that it applies at all times including during mobilisation and applies to serving soldiers and reservists as well as conscripts and that the Alternative Civil Service is not punitive and discriminatory in terms of its nature, length, condition or cost, and accept claims of conscientious objection without enquiry or establish independent and impartial decision-making bodies to determine conscientious objection claims.

03 VIOLATIONS LINKED TO RUSSIA'S USE OF WEAPONS

- Targeting of anti-war dissent Immediately cease all attacks on civilians and civilian objects, in accordance with its obligations under IHL and international human rights law and implement the recommendations of the Col on Ukraine (see report A/HRC/52/62) in this regard;
- Stop using explosive weapons in populated areas and endorse the Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences arising from the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (Political Declaration on the use of EWIPA)
- Stop using cluster munitions and ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions;
- Fully collaborate in any investigation and relevant accountability mechanism regarding violations of international law related to the use of explosive weapons by Russia or committed with Russian weapons including in Syria and Ukraine;
- Take all necessary measures to provide justice, truth and reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence to victims and their families of violations linked to Russia's use of explosive weapons and violations facilitated by the use of weapons provided by Russia, with a view to providing remedy through a coherent framework that addresses both the direct and subsidiary impact of crimes committed with special consideration for gendered harm and disproportionate impact on women and girls.
- Ratify the Rome Statute.

04 CONCERNS RELATING TO RUSSIA'S ARMS TRADE

- Comply with its obligations to respect and ensure respect for the Geneva Conventions, including by refraining from providing arms, funding or other forms of support to governments or other actors that have committed violations of international human rights law and/or IHL, including war crimes, or where there is a risk that such arms, funding or support may be used to commit or enable further violations;
- Immediately stop all transfers of arms, ammunition, and other military equipment, as well as the provision of services related to such equipment to countries where there is a substantial risk that they will be used to violate international law, including international human rights law and/or IHL;
- Ensure that the state-owned company Rosoboronexport adopt and fully apply a human rights policy, including through robust human rights due diligence policies and processes that ensure the company's operations "are carried out in full compliance with rules of international law and provisions of the UN Charter," as it claims they are;
- Sign, ratify, and fully implement the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

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