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Thank you, Mr. President,

Austria aligns with the EU statement and welcomes the update by the Commission of Inquiry.

Austria remains gravely concerned over the growing body of evidence of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including torture, extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention, forced transfers and deportations. We are also very concerned by the reported systematic use of torture, including sexual violence, against certain categories of detainees to extract information, coerce, and intimidate.

The widespread and systematic drone attacks targeting civilians, civilian objects and infrastructure, all means of transport, and emergency and rescue services is not only terrorizing the population. The damage and destruction of houses, the absence or limitation of services, essential infrastructure, and transport, have rendered the affected areas unliveable and left many residents with no other choice than to seek safer locations.

We call on Russia to stop these dangerous attacks immediately and withdraw all troops from within the internationally recognized borders of Ukraine. We also call on Russian authorities to increase efforts in returning forcibly transferred Ukrainian children.

Mr. Chair,
We underline the importance of the continued independent and impartial reporting of the Commission and confirm our support to all efforts to seek full accountability for these violations and crimes under international law.

Thank you.