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### ***Item 4: Interactive dialogue with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression***

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#### **Oral Statement**

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute and the Ukrainian Bar Association commend the work of the Commission of Inquiry. We keep condemning the ongoing widespread violations of International human rights and Humanitarian Law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity in the course of the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

We condemn ceaseless attacks on civilians and civilian objects, indiscriminate use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas, forced deportation, coordinated "widespread and systematic" use of torture, incommunicado detention and enforced disappearances by Russian forces. We once again condemn the forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia or Russian occupied territories, and their subsequent indoctrination and militarization.

We recall that in March 2023, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant against the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, finding reasonable grounds to believe that he bears individual criminal responsibility for crimes under the Rome Statute, in connection with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

We urge all states party to the Rome Statute to fulfil their obligations under the Statute and to support the ICC in ensuring accountability for atrocity crimes committed in Ukraine by Russia and support the work of the Special Tribunal on the crime of aggression.

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