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Item 10: Interactive dialogue on the oral update by the High Commissioner on
Ukraine

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union:

Madame President,

Ireland thanks the (Deputy) High Commissioner for her latest update, and for continuing to brief the Human Rights Council on the situation in Ukraine. Ireland values the important work of the OHCHR and the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

Ireland is encouraged by the exchanges of prisoners that took place on 29 December and 16 April, following the December Normandy summit. It is important that all parties build on this important step towards peace by constructively engaging on the remaining humanitarian provisions of the agreements, including additional disengagement zones and new crossing points along the contact line.

We remain gravely concerned regarding the human rights situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, in particular the persecution of Crimean Tatars. Ireland does not recognise the illegal annexation and remains unwavering in our support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Ireland fully supports the important work of the Monitoring Mission in documenting human rights violations and abuses. It is vital that they have full and unhindered access to the entire territory of Ukraine, including eastern Ukraine and Crimea.

Madame (Deputy) High Commissioner,

I wish to assure you that Ireland very much appreciates your contribution to the monitoring, protection, and promotion of human rights. We would welcome your views on measures that can be taken during the pandemic in order to protect the health and well-being of the vulnerable population in Eastern Ukraine.

Thank you.