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### Item 10: Interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner on the oral update on Ukraine - Interactive Dialogue

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#### Oral Statement

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute and the Ukrainian Bar Association condemn the widespread violations of human rights and International Humanitarian Law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity in the course of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, also confirmed by the latest oral updates of the COI on Ukraine.<sup>1</sup>

We condemn the "widespread and systematic" use of torture, incommunicado detention and enforced disappearances, in territories occupied by Russian armed forces, as also indicated in the COI's finding, and confirmed by the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

We are deeply concerned at the COI's observations on allegations of genocide of Ukrainians. In this respect, we wish to reiterate the [call to action](#) by Ukrainian legal community who urged the State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to fully adhere to their obligations as outlined in Article 1 of the Convention.

We also call on UN institutions and Member States through international cooperation to provide robust support to the Ukraine justice system and assist in effective investigation and prosecution of international crimes, in accordance with fair trial guarantees.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> These include direct attacks on civilians and civilian objects, use of explosive weapons in populated areas, abduction of children, collective expulsion of Ukrainians from occupied territories to Russia, systematic torture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence.