Report by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, March 2023

MAIN FINDINGS

The Commission found that Russian authorities committed a wide range of war crimes, and the corresponding human rights violations, including wilful killings, attacks on civilians, unlawful confinement, torture, rape and other sexual violence, as well as unlawful transfers and deportations of children.

The Russian authorities' use of torture and the Russian armed forces' waves of attacks on Ukraine's energy-related infrastructure, which increased starting from 10 October 2022, may amount to crimes against humanity.





The transfer of children carried out by Russian authorities in a variety of circumstances led to prolonged separations of children from their families, in violation of international humanitarian law.

Russian armed forces carried out attacks with explosive weapons in populated areas

with an apparent disregard for civilian harm and suffering, in violation of international humanitarian law.

Russian authorities established dedicated detention facilities across Ukraine, where they used similar methods of torture against particular categories of persons, in a widespread and systematic fashion. Sexual violence amounting to torture, and the threat of such, against women and men have been important aspects of torture.

The Commission has documented a small number of violations committed by Ukrainian armed forces, including likely indiscriminate attacks and two incidents in which Russian prisoners were shot, wounded and tortured that qualify as war crimes.



FACT-FINDING METHODOLOGY



The Commission's investigations are based on:

348 women and 247 me



interviewed in person and remotely

field trips in total to Ukraine and travels to Estonia and Georgia



localities visited