



Statement of Ireland

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU. We welcome the Special Advisor and fully support her work.

The prevention of genocide remains a profound challenge for the international community.

To meet that challenge greater attention must be paid to early warning signs, and to identifying and addressing root causes.

Acts of genocide are typically preceded by widespread and systematic human rights violations and abuses. Ireland is particularly concerned by the gender dimension of these violations and abuses, including through acts of sexual and gender-based violence.

In order to prevent such grave crimes from recurring, we must ensure that perpetrators are held accountable. Ireland is a committed supporter of the International Criminal Court as an essential actor in the fight against impunity. We believe that civil society also has a vital role to play in the prevention of genocide through advocacy and the development and use of early warning systems as well as through educational and reconciliation initiatives. We also strongly believe in the importance of gender analysis for prevention and accountability efforts.

Madame Special Advisor, we would welcome any further thoughts that might have on how we, as States, might more effectively support civil society engagement with your mandate.