



## **Statement of Ireland**

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#### **Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on Central African Republic**

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Expert for his update on the situation in the Central African Republic.

Ireland is deeply concerned by the deteriorating human rights and humanitarian situation, as evidenced by alarming reports of human rights violations and abuses committed by state forces, state-affiliated forces, and armed groups, including extrajudicial and summary killings, torture and ill-treatment, and arbitrary arrests and detentions..

We are particularly concerned by continuing reports of conflict-related sexual violence and violations and abuses against children. Ireland calls for all necessary measures to be taken to prevent such violations and abuses, and to ensure that all perpetrators are brought to justice. It is imperative that victims are provided with effective remedy, including financial, medical, and psychosocial support.

Countering impunity is essential to prevent further violations and abuses. We urge the government to continue efforts to build the capacity of the justice sector, to support the work of the Special Criminal Court and to operationalise the Truth, Justice, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, so that those responsible for such violations and abuses can be brought to justice.

*Mr. Agbetse, in light of the human rights situation of concern in Central African Republic, how best can the international community support efforts to combat impunity and support capacity-building efforts in the justice sector?*

Thank you.