

## **Human Rights Council 29th Session**

### **Interactive Dialogue with the UN's Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights**

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#### **Statement by Ireland**

Ireland welcomes the Independent Expert, Mohammed Ayat, and thanks him for his presentation to the Council today.

Ireland commends Côte d'Ivoire for its constructive collaboration with the Independent Expert and its commitment to strengthen engagement with other human rights mechanisms, notably the UPR and treaty bodies. This clearly demonstrates the value of Item 10 as a means to assist States in improving their human rights record and to build their human rights capacity.

Ireland echoes the Independent expert's commendation of the Government's efforts to build capacity in the justice system. However, Ireland is concerned about delays in addressing the reported serious human rights abuses committed during the post-election crisis in 2010 and the preceding ten years or more. Addressing questions surrounding impunity and equitable justice are central to national reconciliation. The Government must ensure an equitable and impartial approach to the administration of justice, so that all perpetrators of violent crimes are held to account, irrespective of their political, tribal or religious background. In that regard, Ireland would recommend the widening in scope of the investigations already underway relating to the post-election period so that they can address the serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed for more than a decade leading up to 2010.

*What are the Independent Expert's views on the progress to date in addressing reported abuses during the post-election crisis in 2010?*

*What further support does the Independent Expert suggest the international community should undertake to support Côte d'Ivoire on its path towards reconstruction?*