



Statement of Ireland
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Item 10: Interactive dialogue with the Independent Expert on the situation of
human rights in Mali

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Madame President,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. Ireland welcomes the report and presentation of the Independent Expert, Mr Alioune Tine.

Ireland deeply values the work of the Independent Expert in monitoring and reporting on the evolving situation in Mali and commends the Malian authorities, for their cooperation and support in allowing the Independent Expert and his team full access to a broad range of interlocutors, enabling this important work to be carried out.

Ireland also commends the UN personnel in Mali, in particular MINUSMA, for their technical and logistical support to the independent expert, and acknowledges their excellent work in Mali.

Ireland welcomes the findings of the Independent Expert's report, and shares deep concern at the alarming deterioration in the security situation over the last year in Central regions. Ireland agrees that the current challenges in Mali and the sub-region should be treated as a global problem, and calls on all partners to enhance coordination to support the Malian Government to restore peace and security, as well as ensure an effective State presence in all its territory. Ireland acknowledges the efforts of the Government to reduce intercommunal tensions and calls for greater efforts to eradicate impunity, which is a pre-requisite to sustain peace and reconciliation.

Ireland also particularly welcomes and supports the recommendation of the Independent Expert that women's rights should be given special attention to reduce extreme inequality between men and women, to protect women from gender-based violence and to ensure their effective political participation.

Mr Tine, how best can the international community support the Government of Mali to implement a cross-sectoral approach to women's rights, in a way that complements existing initiatives?

Thank you.