



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Fact Finding Mission for their update.

Ireland remains committed to principles of accountability and continues to speak out against actions which breach humanitarian law. Accountability for human rights violations is an important step in Libya's peace process and must be ensured.

The work of the FFM is critical in this regard, and we call for the full renewal of its mandate.

We condemn the ongoing restrictions imposed upon civil society, including the current suspension of visas for international humanitarian staff.

Ireland calls for an end to the practice of arbitrary detention, including of migrants and refugees. The horrific abuses endured by detainees, including sexual violence, are unacceptable.

We remain concerned by the disproportionate impact of the conflict on women and girls, and call on all parties to the conflict to meet their obligations under international human rights law and Security Council Resolution 1325.

We underline the need for the full implementation of the ceasefire agreement by all parties, and for elections to take place on the scheduled date of 24 December. This will be crucial for an inclusive Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political transition based on justice and human rights, which will support long-term peace, stability and social cohesion in the country.

Mr Chair, what concrete support can the international community provide in order to further the prosecution of human rights violations in Libya?