



Statement of Ireland
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Mr President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union.

Ireland reiterates our deep concern at the continued expansion of Israeli settlements in the **Occupied Palestinian Territory**, and the demolition of Palestinian communities and forced transfer of their residents, contrary to international law.

Ireland is also concerned about the unacceptable treatment of Palestinians in detention, especially minors, particularly in comparison to the treatment of **Israeli** citizens. We remain concerned by the situation of Palestinians in East Jerusalem.

We are concerned about continuing civilian casualties in **Yemen** and we call on all parties to cooperate with the Group of Regional and Eminent Experts.

Ireland is alarmed by the recent developments in **Sudan**. We condemn the use of violence and excessive force against protestors. All violations, including sexual and gender-based violence, must be independently investigated and the perpetrators held accountable.

Ireland calls on **Bahrain** to ensure respect for freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to a fair trial.

Ireland remains concerned about the situation in **Myanmar** as outlined in our other statements during the Council.

Finally, we reiterate our opposition to the use of the death penalty in all circumstances.

Thank you.