



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue with members of the Fact Finding Mission on Libya

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Madame President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union. We welcome the establishment of the Fact Finding Mission and thank members for their update.

Ireland continues to be concerned by the situation of those in detention in Libya without due process, including migrants and refugees. The horrific violations endured by detainees, including sexual violence, are unacceptable.

The widespread use of inflammatory language, incitement to violence and hate speech, both online and offline, has been a striking feature of the conflict. The targeting of individuals and communities based on their ethnicity, perceived beliefs or political views is unacceptable.

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

We once more call for an effective investigation into the disappearance of Siham Sergewa. Those responsible for her abduction must be brought to account.

External interference continues to undermine peace. It is critical that all efforts are made for a political solution within the parameters agreed in Berlin. Ireland welcomes the Statements of August 21 and recent talks in Switzerland and Morocco in making progress in that respect.

Though the work of the fact-finding mission has just commenced, we would be grateful for your initial views on the gendered dimension of human rights abuses and the impact that the conflict has had on women and girls.

Thank you.