



Statement of Ireland

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Item 4: Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

Ireland condemns in the strongest terms the coup in Myanmar. We call on the Myanmar military to immediately cease the use of force against protesters, release all those arbitrarily detained, respect the freedoms of expression, association, and assembly, and guarantee the rule of law and human rights.

Ireland remains alarmed by credible reports of the treatment of ethnic Uighurs and other minorities in Xinjiang. We are gravely concerned by the situation in Hong Kong and call on the authorities in Beijing and Hong Kong to respect the rule of law, human rights and democratic principles.

Ireland is deeply concerned by the ongoing conflict in Tigray. We call on all parties to cease hostilities, halt human rights violations and abuses and allow immediate and unhindered humanitarian access and independent human rights monitoring to all areas. We call for the withdrawal of Eritrean troops from Tigray.

Ireland remains extremely concerned about the conflict in Yemen and we re-iterate the need to protect civilians and allow unrestricted humanitarian access. We urge all parties to engage with the UN-led political process.

We are witnessing shrinking civic space in all regions. In Belarus, we are alarmed by ongoing violations of human rights, including mass detentions and a crackdown on human rights defenders and journalists. In the Russian Federation, the expanded Foreign Agents Law is having a further detrimental effect on freedom of expression, association and civil society.