



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert - oral update on Central African Republic

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Expert for his update on the situation in the Central African Republic.

Ireland welcomes the establishment of local peace and reconciliation committees throughout the country. We call on the government to ensure that such committees are properly resourced as they engage in their vital work.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by reports of human rights violations and abuses committed by state forces, state-affiliated forces and armed groups, and the deteriorating human rights and humanitarian situation. Countering impunity is essential to preventing further violations and abuses. We urge the government to continue efforts to build the capacity of the justice sector, to support the work of the Special Criminal Court and to operationalise the Truth, Justice, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, so that those responsible for such violations and abuses can be brought to justice.

Ireland takes note of efforts to organise a national dialogue. We encourage the government to implement measures to ensure that this dialogue is as inclusive as possible, taking account of the views of civil society, women and girls, and local communities.

Mr. Independent Expert, how best can the international community support capacity-building efforts in the justice sector in light of the worrying increase in reported human rights violations and abuses?

Thank you.