



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

We thank the Commission for the update and condemn the persistent, widespread, systematic and serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law in Syria. It is unconscionable that we continue to see civilians, including health care workers, targeted, and civil society and human rights defenders attacked.

So far this year more than 500 civilians are estimated to have died, many of them children. Ireland once more calls for a nationwide ceasefire and urges all parties to work towards a political solution based on the framework set out in Security Council Resolution 2254.

We commend Syrian organisations working tirelessly on the issue of missing people including those subjected to enforced disappearance. Any durable solution to the conflict is impossible without access to information, accountability and justice for the victims and their families.

Ireland reiterates our support for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism and renews our call for the situation in Syria to be referred to the International Criminal Court.

Members of the Commission: How can the international Community better ensure progress on the supply of information to family members of the missing in Syria?