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Mr. President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Commission for its update and for its continued efforts in documenting the human rights situation in South Sudan.

The humanitarian situation in South Sudan is alarming. We are disturbed by the persistent high levels of subnational violence, food insecurity, and displacement, which particularly affects the most vulnerable.

Ireland is deeply concerned by the ongoing prevalence of human rights abuses in South Sudan, particularly sexual and gender based violence. In light of these violations, it is vital this Council renews the mandate of the Commission. We urge the Government to ensure accountability through prompt, impartial and thorough investigations.

We also emphasize the importance of an open vibrant and protected civil society space, particularly critical in the context of preparations for elections, and express our concern at ongoing repression of civil society actors.

Ireland recognises progress made towards the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. We strongly encourage further and more rapid implementation of the agreement, including the commencement of the Legislative Assembly's body of legislative work, and the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms, including the Hybrid Court.

Members of the Commission, what further measures can the international community take to support full and rapid implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement?

Thank you.