



Statement of Ireland

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

Ireland condemns the continued human rights violations and abuses committed by state forces, state-affiliated forces and armed groups in the Central African Republic.

The impact of these human rights violations is exacerbated by the dire humanitarian situation, particularly in the context of continued violence and instability, and rising food insecurity.

Ireland is deeply concerned by continued reports of rising levels of conflict related sexual violence, particularly in the eastern region.. The increase in violations against children, including recruitment, abduction, and sexual violence, is unacceptable.. All necessary measures must be taken to combat these violations, and to ensure that all perpetrators, regardless of affiliation, are brought to justice and victims provided with effective remedy and support.

Countering impunity is essential in order to prevent further violations and abuses. We urge the government to continue efforts to build the capacity of the justice sector, and to support the work of the Special Criminal Court and the Truth, Justice, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, so that those responsible for such violations and abuses can be brought to justice.

In light of the worrying human rights situation in the Central African Republic, how best can the international community support efforts to combat impunity?

Thank you.