



Statement of Ireland

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Mr President,

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

Ireland remains concerned by the continued human rights violations and abuses in the Central African Republic. The reports of serious human rights violations and abuses by Government security forces and other security personnel, as well as armed groups, are deeply troubling. In the context of rising food insecurity, continued violence and instability, the additional impact of these human rights violations and abuses is particularly dire.

Ireland condemns the continued high levels of reported incidents of sexual and gender-based violence. All perpetrators must be brought to justice, victims provided with effective remedy and support, and all necessary measures must be taken to combat these violations.

Ending impunity is the key to ending violations. We urge the government to continue efforts to build the capacity of the justice sector, and commend the opening of the first trial at the Special Criminal Court.

Ireland warmly welcomes the recent steps taken by the Central African Republic to abolish the death penalty, and encourage the authorities to promulgate this law without delay.

Mr Agbetse, how can the international community further support the Central African Republic in upholding its obligations under international human rights law?

Thank you.