



## **Statement of Ireland**

### **50th session of the Human Rights Council**

#### *Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi*

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Thank you Mr President [*Mr/ Madame Vice-President*],

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his presentation today.

Ireland notes the important role of the Special Rapporteur in building upon the work of the Commission of Inquiry and ensuring continued monitoring of the human rights situation in Burundi.

Ireland is concerned about the reported increase in the arbitrary arrest of political opponents, and reports of human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances and torture.

Ireland condemns the practice of impunity for violations and abuses of human rights. The Government of Burundi must hold all perpetrators of human rights abuses and violations to account, regardless of their affiliation or status. We urge the Government of Burundi to ensure that victims can seek justice and legal redress through an impartial and independent judicial system and report violations to authorities without fear.

We reiterate our call on the Government of Burundi to fully cooperate with international and regional human rights mechanisms, including OHCHR and the Special Rapporteur.

Special Rapporteur how can the international community support effective monitoring of the human rights situation in Burundi, and encourage cooperation by the Government of Burundi with international human rights mechanisms?

Thank you.