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Ireland aligns with the EU statement and we thank the Commission for its update.

We welcome the Agreement on a Permanent Cessation of Hostilities, and commend both the Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front on the progress already made in its implementation. The agreement marks a crucial and important step towards peace and reconciliation in Ethiopia.

Ireland strongly supports the ongoing efforts towards the establishment of a credible transitional justice mechanism, which is critical for sustainable peace. Equally, we strongly encourage the Government of Ethiopia to ensure that accountability for all violations and abuses of human rights is prioritised. Cooperation by all parties with the OHCHR, the EHRC and other human rights monitoring and investigation mechanisms will help ensure independent, transparent and impartial investigations into all allegations of violations and abuses of human rights, and accountability for victims and survivors. In this regard, the final report of the Commission in September will provide very valuable input.

We welcome progress towards ensuring humanitarian assistance reaches all those in need, and the restoration of essential services, and call for these measures to be urgently scaled up to ensure the immense needs of the population in northern Ethiopia are met.

Commissioners, how can the international community support your mandate and the continuation of human rights monitoring and accountability efforts?