

Human Rights Council – 30th Session

Item 6: Universal Periodic Review of Libya

Statement by Ireland

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Ireland welcomes the report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of Libya and thanks the delegation of Libya for its presence and for its statement.

We welcome the substantial recommendations made in the Report of the Working Group and Libya's response to those recommendations. In particular, we note with satisfaction that both of Ireland's recommendations were accepted. We look forward to their implementation, and take this opportunity to commend Libya's engagement with and commitment to the UPR process, recognising the difficult circumstances Libya faces.

Recent progress in UN led peace talks is encouraging. However, the human rights situation in Libya remains of serious concern.

Ireland would welcome the opportunity to work with a unified Libyan administration to take forward urgent work on addressing human rights. In particular, we urge swift action to hold accountable those responsible for violations of international human rights law, humanitarian law and human rights abuses in Libya and urge full cooperation with the International Criminal Court in this regard.

Protection of civilians, humanitarian workers, human rights defenders and media workers remains a key concern for Ireland and it is vital that humanitarian access is provided for UN agencies and NGOs working in Libya. Continued reports of torture and ill-treatment in detention centres must also be investigated and addressed.

Ireland stands ready to work with Libya as well as the EU and the UN in implementing the recommendations accepted by Libya.

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