



Statement of Ireland

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Expert for his update.

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

Ireland is deeply concerned by reports of attacks against minorities and ethnic groups in CAR, including by members of the armed forces and their allies. We also find continuing reports of sexual and gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, extremely worrying, especially as we recognise that these violations and abuses continue to be under-reported, and the significant detrimental effect this can have on the social fabric in the Central African Republic.

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 violations and abuses of human rights can be brought to justice.

We would like to ask the Independent Expert, how can the international community best provide support to the work of the Truth, Justice, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, as you recommended in your report?