



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Fact Finding Mission for their update.

Accountability for human rights violations is an important step in Libya's peace process and the work of the Mission is a vital element of these accountability efforts. It is essential that the Mission is given the necessary time and resources to complete this work, and that all stakeholders are able to safely engage with the Mission.

We condemn the increased targeting of humanitarian workers and civil society actors, including arbitrary arrests, torture, and harassment by authorities, as well as the continued suspension of visas for humanitarian staff.

Ireland calls for an end to the practice of arbitrary detention, including of migrants and refugees. The horrific abuses endured by detainees, including sexual and gender-based violence, are unacceptable.

We remain concerned by the disproportionate impact of the conflict on women and girls.

In this context we particularly regret that the Libyan authorities have suspended work on a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, which was agreed in collaboration with UN Women only last year.

We underline the need for the maintenance of the ceasefire agreement by all parties, amid the recent concerning rise of political tensions.

What concrete support can the international community provide in order to further the prosecution of human rights violations in Libya, including violations committed against migrants and refugees?