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Mr President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

Technical assistance, capacity building and monitoring are vital to promoting human rights and ensuring States fulfil their international human rights obligations, including by preventing violations and abuses of human rights.

Ireland is deeply concerned about increasing insecurity in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, which continues to negatively impact human rights in the country. Ireland welcomes progress on addressing impunity, and encourages DRC to continue to avail of the technical assistance and capacity building provided by OHCHR to further progress in this area.

In **South Sudan**, Ireland is alarmed by continued reports of human rights abuses and violations across the country, with a particularly devastating impact on women and girls, and urges urgent and meaningful efforts towards the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. A victim-centred approach to transitional justice is crucial, and Ireland welcomes the OHCHR supported programme to empower local stakeholders to participate effectively in transitional justice mechanisms.

We are concerned at the security situation in the **Central African Republic**, which urgently requires close cooperation between authorities, OHCHR and the Human Rights Division of MINUSCA to ensure that violations and abuses of human rights are monitored and reported, and that perpetrators are held to account.

Ireland reiterates our full support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including its important mandate in providing technical assistance and capacity building, and monitoring of human rights situations.

Thank you.