



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Oral Update on Sudan

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the High Commissioner and his designated Expert for their updates.

The situation in Sudan continues to worsen, with the conflict now affecting the whole country, leaving over 4.8 million displaced and 2.9 million on the brink of famine.

The scale and impact of the violations of international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law, has been immense: from the escalating use of indiscriminate bombardment of civilian objects and areas, to widespread sexual and gender based violence; forced displacement; and the targeting of vulnerable groups on the grounds of ethnic, religious and social status.

Ireland strongly urges the parties to return to the negotiating table to bring an end to the conflict without delay.

All violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law must be investigated and perpetrators held to account.

It is time for strong international action on accountability, including cooperation with the ICC Prosecutor's ongoing investigation in Darfur. We must ensure protection for those who have been subjected to, or are at risk of, atrocity crimes.

High Commissioner, what can states do most effectively to fulfil our accountability and protection responsibilities in this context?