



Statement of Ireland

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Enhanced 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 for her update.

Ireland condemns the military coup in Sudan, which has effectively halted the democratic transition and caused a deepening constitutional crisis. Ireland is gravely concerned by the use of deadly force; detention without due process; sexual and gender based violence; targeting of the media; and attacks on medical facilities, all of which are designed to repress dissent. Ireland regrets the environment of impunity across Sudan which perpetuates instability and conflict.

We are alarmed by the human rights abuses in Sudan, particularly in conflict-affected areas such as Darfur and Southern Kordofan; we urge the military authorities to end their campaign of violence and uphold citizens' rights. A return to the democratic transition is vital to restore peace and address the immense humanitarian, security, and economic challenges facing Sudan.

Ireland strongly supports the mandate of the UN Expert on Human Rights in Sudan and welcomes Mr Dieng's recent visit to Sudan. Ireland calls on all parties to fully cooperate with this mandate.

Madame High Commissioner, can you provide preliminary observations of the UN Expert on Human Rights in Sudan following his recent country visit, particularly on the detention of protestors and opposition figures without due process in Sudan?

Thank you.