



Statement of Ireland

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Enhanced Interactive Dialogue with the Commission on South Sudan

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and underlines our support for the work of the Commission.

We are extremely concerned about the high levels of human rights violations and abuses that continue to be committed in South Sudan, including the increasing levels of conflict related sexual violence. The recent escalating levels of subnational conflict are also alarming. We call upon the Government to end impunity and abide by its obligations under international human rights law, and international humanitarian law, and to investigate and hold accountable all perpetrators, including those who are instigating and inciting violence.

We welcome the government's decision for a renewed dialogue with non-signatory groups through the Sant'Egidio-facilitated peace talks. It is critical that more progress is achieved with the constitution making process and transitional justice mechanisms along with adhering to the timelines agreed in the Roadmap.

Finally, we urge the Government to provide a safe and enabling environment for individuals and civil society groups to exercise their rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association.

Members of the Commission, we are concerned with the rate of progress towards the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms, including the Hybrid Court, how can the international community best support progress on this critical issue?

Thank you.