

UN Human Rights Council

39th session

Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on the final report on Burundi

Statement by Ireland

11 September 2018

Mr President,

Ireland aligns itself with the EU Statement and wishes to add the following.

Ireland deeply regrets that the government of Burundi has not cooperated with the OHCHR to implement resolution 36/2 and that consequently the OHCHR was not able to submit a final report on the human rights situation in Burundi. We remain alarmed at reports of significant numbers of violations and abuses committed by security forces and youth militia and emphasise the need for monitoring of the situation by the Council and a transparent enquiry into human rights violations.

Ireland continues to urge the government of Burundi to grant immediate access to experts from OHCHR, the Commission of Inquiry established by this Council and regional human rights monitoring bodies. We recommend that they address any remaining barriers to the signing of the MoU with OHCHR as a matter of urgency and that they reengage with the work of the Council of which they are a member.

Thank you.