



## **Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic*

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Mr. President, *[Mr/Madame Vice-President,]*

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Commission of Inquiry for its update. We condemn the continued, persistent, widespread, systemic and serious violations and abuses of human rights in Syria.

We commend the work of Syrian organisations working tirelessly on the ground. Across Syria, thousands of humanitarian and healthcare workers are unfalteringly working to aid others in circumstances of unimaginable hardship. We condemn in the strongest terms attacks on health and humanitarian workers. We particularly note the appalling attack in Al Bab this month which resulted in the killing of a humanitarian worker and express our deepest condolences to his family.

Ireland once more calls for a nationwide ceasefire and urges all parties to work towards a political solution based on the framework set out in Security Council Resolution 2254.

We also reiterate our support for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism and renew our calls for the situation in Syria to be referred to the International Criminal Court.

Members of the Commission: How can the international community ensure the protection and safety of humanitarian and healthcare workers in Syria, and ensure that there is accountability for attacks against such workers?

Thank you.