



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on Syria

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Commission of Inquiry on Syria for their update.

We condemn in the strongest terms the systematic and serious violations and abuses of human rights documented in the report, including systematic arbitrary detentions, torture and sexual and gender based violence. We also condemn violations of the right to life, liberty and security of persons perpetrated through unconscionable attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Ireland notes with concern the deteriorating economic and humanitarian crisis which is heightening risks of human rights violations and abuses. We are deeply troubled that conditions in displacement camps are driving many to return to frontline areas.

Ireland reiterates our call for a nationwide ceasefire and urge all parties to work towards a political solution based on the framework set out in Security Council Resolution 2254.

Ireland once again stresses the need for accountability for human rights violations and abuses, as well as for violations of international humanitarian law perpetrated during the conflict.

We recall our support for the work of the COI and International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism and renew our call for the situation in Syria to be referred to the International Criminal Court.

Members of the Commission: how can the international community better ensure protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure?