



Statement of Ireland

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

Ireland is deeply concerned by reports of human rights abuses and violations committed by armed groups and members of the Central African Republic armed forces. We strongly urge the government to fully investigate all such reports and take appropriate steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Ireland notes the progress made in operationalising mechanisms to combat impunity and support transitional justice, including the Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission and the Special Criminal Court. Ireland urges the Government of the Central African Republic to take all steps necessary to ensure such mechanisms can function effectively, and calls on the Government to continue its efforts to combat impunity. We call for an end to the current violence and encourage parties to participate in an inclusive dialogue.

Ireland condemned the violence during the December general election and welcomes the holding of legislative elections without significant incident. We reiterate the Independent Expert's call on the Government to take steps to ensure that all future elections are credible, transparent, open, peaceful and inclusive, giving all Central Africans the opportunity to take part in the democratic process.

In light of the deeply concerning human rights situation in Central African Republic, how best can the international community support efforts to combat impunity and ensure the protection of human rights for all?