



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue on the High Commissioner's report on the situation of human rights in Venezuela

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Mr. President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the High Commissioner for her report and update to the Council.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by the ongoing multi-dimensional crisis in Venezuela, including with regard to human rights and humanitarian need in the country.

Ireland reiterates the need to ensure full respect for human rights in Venezuela, and calls on the Venezuelan authorities to ensure that this respect extends to all persons and groups, particularly those working to promote human rights, including members of the opposition, trade unionists, human rights defenders and members of the media. We also call for the full protection of women and girls, indigenous peoples and the LGBTI+ community.

Ireland remains concerned by the stigmatization and criminalization of civil society actors and reiterates our previous calls for the release of those unjustly detained for political reasons, and for the full protection of civil society space.

Madam High Commissioner, we emphasise our support for the work of your office and the independent Fact-Finding Mission, which are essential to ensure necessary monitoring and reporting of the concerning human rights situation in Venezuela.

We urge Venezuela to cooperate fully with international human rights mechanisms, including fully engage with the Fact-finding Mission, and implement the recommendations made by the High Commissioner.

Madam High Commissioner, what concrete steps can the international community take to support the respect for human rights in Venezuela, as the renewal date for the fact-finding mission approaches?

Thank you.