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Enhanced Interactive Dialogue with the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the members of the Fact-Finding Mission and other speakers for their updates.

Ireland commends the scope, detail and quality of the FFM's investigations, including the significant first hand testimony gathered—and despite facing significant administrative challenges and limited access. We regret that the Sudanese authorities have not responded to multiple requests to visit.

The report identifies a pattern of multiple and widespread war crimes and crimes against humanity committed across the whole of Sudan by the parties to the conflict. Ireland condemns the extensive and indiscriminate targeting of civilians, including through sexual and gender based violence; grave violations against children; attacks on medical personnel and human rights defenders; destruction of objects indispensable to the survival of civilians; and forcible displacement.

The people of Sudan are undergoing a largescale assault. In this context, the Commission's findings of "rampant impunity" as an underlying driver of the violence, and its clear recommendations on civilian protection and justice, must attract our urgent consideration.

The work of the FFM is essential: we fully support a renewal of its mandate.

Chairman Othman, what more can we do to ensure that the FFM is fully supported to conduct its mandate?