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Mali has been facing a multi-faceted crisis since the beginning of 2012, with the North of the country being taken over by armed groups, more than 200 000 refugees and a worsening humanitarian situation, with spill-over effects on the whole Sahel region.

The exchange of views will focus on the grave human rights violations such as dozens of cases of enforced disappearances, torture, extra-judicial killings, sexual violence and recruitment of child soldiers.

Opening remarks by **Ms Barbara Lochbihler**, chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

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Mr Brian O'Neill, head of sector for West Africa, DG ECHO, European Commission

Concluding remarks by **Ms Barbara Lochbihler**, chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

The exchange of views can be followed online