

Ireland thanks Minister for his/her presentation today and for India's national report, and for the ongoing efforts being made in India as follow-up to the first cycle of the UPR.

Ireland takes note of the ongoing efforts in India to eliminate child labour. Ireland recommends that India extends the minimum age to 18 years for any form of labour that prevents children from accessing a full education. Ireland also recommends that all forms of child labour for children from ages 6 to 14 be banned and that ILO Conventions 138 and 182 be ratified.

At present, 11 States out of 28 in India have a State Commissioner for Protection of Child Rights. Ireland recommends that State and District Commissioners for the Protection of Child Rights be set up in all States and Districts.

Ireland considers that with regard to any persisting problems with relation to discrimination in law or in practice, that a comprehensive approach offers best results. Ireland recommends that India enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and to ensure that there are adequate means of redress.

Finally Ireland would also recommend that India establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

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