

UPR The Philippines

Ireland

Ireland welcomes Minister XX and his delegation to Geneva and notes the achievements made by the Philippines since the last UPR including ratification of the Rome Statute, the establishment of the National Monitoring Mechanism and the development of the second Human Rights Plan.

Ireland appreciates the policy work of the Philippines in the area of human rights and climate change. We also appreciate its work in the protection of its migrant workers and generally in this area.

Ireland notes the adoption of the 2009 Anti Torture Act. It is important that it be effectively and vigorously implemented especially with regard to investigations, prosecutions and access to rehabilitation services. Ireland hopes, in this context, that the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines will be strengthened as necessary, as recommended by the Committee against Torture and others.

Ireland *recommends* that the Government of the Philippines effectively implement the Anti Torture Act with a special focus on the responsibility of superior officers, access to medical services and the establishment of a sufficiently resourced rehabilitation programme for victims.

Ireland notes recent efforts made by the Philippines to ensure the protection of human rights defenders, but remains concerned about reports from civil society of arrest, detention and intimidation of human rights defenders.

Ireland *recommends* that the Philippines enhance its cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders including by accepting the mandate-holder's request to visit the country and finally, to take urgent measures to end extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances of human rights defenders, to investigate all cases and bring those responsible to justice.

Thank You Madame President.