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Poland

UPR Intervention

Ireland

Ireland commends Poland on its progress in following up in commitments undertaken at their first UPR examination and on submitting a mid-term report to the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council. In this regard, Ireland appreciates the outline given in the national report of measures undertaken regarding implementation of UPR recommendations in the first cycle. In particular, Ireland welcomes measures adopted to shorten the length of court proceedings and to tackle prison overcrowding. We welcome measures that have been taken to strengthen the human rights infrastructure, including inclusion of social protection and human rights in school curricula.

Ireland welcomes measures already taken to address social exclusion including Roma teaching assistants and the gradual phasing out of separate education. At the same time as CERD has noted, it is a matter of concern that many Roma children do not attend or remain in school and Ireland would urge further measures in this area.

Ireland notes the concerns of civil society, CERD, UNHCR and others regarding incidents of racial discrimination.

Ireland *recommends* that Poland consider as necessary, strengthening anti-discrimination policies and measures, paying particular attention to reception centres for asylum seekers and within the national programme against Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related intolerance.

Ireland also *recommends* Poland strengthen measures to address overcrowding in detention centres, including through increased resort to alternative forms of punishment and to adopt measures to reduce the use of pre-trial detention.