

Universal Periodic Review of Guatemala – Oral Intervention

Ireland welcomes the distinguished delegation of Guatemala and welcomes the progress that has been made in the protection and promotion of human rights since Guatemala's first Universal Periodic Review

Women's Rights

Ireland welcomes the 2008 Act on Femicide and Other Forms of Violence against Women in Guatemala as well as the establishment of special courts for femicide and other forms of violence against women. Ireland however remains concerned at the high levels of violence experienced by women in Guatemala.

Guatemala should continue to take every action possible to eliminate violence against women. Ireland recommends that Guatemala provide sufficient resources for gender-sensitive training of law enforcement staff and of the judiciary to improve the investigation and prevention of violence against women.

Indigenous Land rights

Ireland is concerned at allegations that Indigenous populations are being removed from their land without adequate due process or prior consultation and those who protest have been ill treated.

Ireland recommends that Guatemala implement a legislative framework for an appropriate and meaningful consultation procedure that will ensure genuine, free and informed consent of Indigenous peoples in land disputes, as set out in the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights.