

UPR of Ukraine – 24 October 2012

Oral recommendations by Ireland (read by Ms. Aideen Roche)

Thank you Madam President.

Ireland welcomes the Ukraine delegation and thanks the delegation for its comprehensive presentation this morning. Ireland commends Ukraine on the progress achieved in implementing commitments made following the first Universal Periodic Review held in May 2008.

1. Ireland is concerned about the lack of explicit legal protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Ireland recommends that legislation is enacted that explicitly protects LGBT persons from discrimination and that laws that contain discriminatory provisions against LGBT persons are amended.
2. Ireland commends Ukraine on the recent ratification of the revised European Convention on the Adoption of Children and recommends that Ukraine take further measures and accede to the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption.

Thank you Madam President.