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**Statement by Ireland**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Mexico and thanks it for its report and presentation.

We welcome improvements in the legislative and human rights framework since Mexico’s last review, particularly the granting of constitutional status to all human rights guaranteed in international treaties to which Mexico is a party.

We also welcome the adoption last year of the Human Rights Defenders and Journalists Protection Act. However, reports of continuing murders, attacks and threats to the safety of journalists and women human rights defenders show that significant challenges remain. Ireland **recommends** that Mexico develops an investigation protocol with gender and ethnicity perspectives that can be used by the offices of the Attorneys General of the States in all cases where women human rights defenders report threats or attacks.

While we welcome the enactment of the Missing or Disappeared Persons Registry Act and the General Law on Victims, we note that enforced disappearances, especially of women, girls and migrants, continue to occur. Ireland asks what practical impact these measures have had on the number of cases investigated and resolved, and whether further improvements could be made? Ireland **recommends** that Mexico implements the outstanding recommendations contained in the December 2011 report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. We further encourage Mexico to ensure the continued implementation of the 2011 Migrants Act to protect migrants and those who work to promote their human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.