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Intervention by Ireland**

Mr. President,

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

Ireland welcomes the recent efforts made by Senegal to bring Mr. Hissene Habre to justice, including the inauguration of the Extraordinary African Chambers in Dakar which, in July, charged Mr. Habre with crimes against humanity, torture and war crimes. We urge Senegal to ensure that a fair trial of Mr. Habre is conducted expeditiously, in keeping with its obligations under the relevant judgment of the International Court of Justice.

Ireland remains concerned by the enduring shortcomings in the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in Senegal. Ireland recommends that Senegal takes steps to combat the persecution of persons on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, in particular by removing Article 319.3 from the Penal Code so as to decriminalise consensual sexual conduct between persons of the same sex.

Ireland is deeply concerned at reports of torture which have emerged since Senegal’s first review and which were referenced by the Committee against Torture earlier this year. Ireland recommends that Senegal provides clear instructions to the police, the gendarmerie and other relevant public officials as to their obligation to respect the absolute prohibition of torture.

Thank you Mr. President.