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Statement by Ireland on the review of Equatorial Guinea

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Equatorial Guinea and thanks it for its presentation today.

We note with concern that Equatorial Guinea has not submitted any reports to the relevant treaty monitoring bodies regarding its implementation of the main international human rights treaties, despite being party to some of these instruments since 1987. Ireland **recommends** that Equatorial Guinea submit without delay its overdue reports under the international human rights treaties to which it is a party, if necessary seeking technical support from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ireland is gravely concerned about the continued use of the death penalty in Equatorial Guinea. We note with particular concern the execution of four people after a summary military trial in August 2010 and the continued presence of a number of individuals awaiting execution on death row. Ireland **recommends** that Equatorial Guinea put in place a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, with a view to its abolition.