



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the  
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IRELAND

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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Ireland on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Ireland to better guarantee the effective implementation of Human Rights through the development of the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (2016-2021). We are glad to note the attention given to children and people with disabilities through the First National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making (2015-2020) and the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities (2015-2025), as we are pleased for the establishment of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP).

My Delegation would like to recommend to Ireland:

1. To continue with its efforts to bring incarceration facilities into line with international standards, especially regarding overcrowding, cell sanitation and the separation of young prisoners.
2. To continue with its efforts to guarantee the Government's commitment to a housing-led approach to end long-term involuntary homelessness.
3. To reinforce its policies for the protection against racism, renewing the National Action Plan against Racism (2005-2008).

Thank you, Mr. President